



USF Research Council - Faculty Announcement

October 2023 Call for Conference Planning Grant Applications (CONF) and January 2024 Call for Interdisciplinary Research Awards (IDRA)

Recent evaluations of the research enterprise at USF have highlighted the critical need to increase support, modernize infrastructure, and improve efficiency of operations. In response to these critical reviews, the USF Research Council has reorganized the USFRI Internal Awards program to enhance the growth and productivity throughout the USF research community.

While the internal awards program undergoes a reorganization process in 2023-2024, only the CONF and IDRA awards will be available. Additional grants are not yet approved for funding.

The funding for the Interdisciplinary Research Award (IDRA) opening January 8 represents a three-fold increase in USFRI's investment for USF faculty through the internal awards program.

Thank you for your understanding as we transition to the new programs.

Submission deadline dates are on the date as listed with receipt by 5:00 P.M.

The deadline dates for the Conference Planning Grant (CONF) and Interdisciplinary Research Awards (IDRA) are listed below. Award announcements will be emailed and posted within one month of the deadline.

Open October 2023:

Conference Planning Grant (CONF)	
Applications Open	Wednesday, October 16, 2023
Application Submission Deadline	Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Refer to the Application and Guidelines on the Internal Awards Program website	

Open January 2024:

Interdisciplinary Research Awards (IDRA)	
Applications Open	Monday, January 8, 2024
Application Submission Deadline	Friday, March 8, 2024
Refer to the Guidelines on the Internal Awards Program website	

The grant programs are available to USF faculty who are tenured, tenure earning, or in a non-tenured (regularly renewable) position that requires independent research.

Applications and Guidelines are/will be located on the USF Research & Innovation [Internal Awards Program](#) website. Please review the *Grant Types* herein and the posted *Guidelines* on the website, to ensure you apply for the most relevant grant.

Grant Types

A. Conference Planning Grant (CONF)– to provide supplemental funding for faculty in their role of planning and implementing national and international conferences to enhance the USF research and creative environment, along with bringing prestige and recognition to USF and the State of Florida. Conferences held locally will receive preference. However, conferences planned at a national or international location are eligible. The applicant must have an integral role in the conference planning process.

Maximum award: \$10,000. Recipients have 12 months from award date to hold the conference.

B. Interdisciplinary Research Award (IDRA) - to promote creation of multi-PI programs involving different colleges and/or campus to enhance competitiveness for large program-project types of grants and enhance shared research infrastructure. See [Internal Awards Program](#) for further details.

Two IDRA grant categories:

1. **Collaborative programs**: establish or promote development of interdisciplinary research teams that will be competitive for major program projects and/or major instrumentation grants (e.g., U01, U19, MRI, S10).

Maximum award: \$500,000 or 10% of the targeted external grant proposal amount, whichever is less; up to a 24-month grant period

2. **Infrastructure Investment**: capital equipment or other infrastructure enhancements for current or new USF core facilities used by multiple colleges.

Maximum award: \$500,000; up to a 24-month grant period

Pending Funding

Additional grants to be announced when funding is available.

Decisions pertaining to funding are final and the Research Council reserves the right to recommend funding at any level up to the maximum.

The mission of the Internal Awards Program is to foster excellence in research and scholarship by USF faculty and support activities aimed at securing extramural funding.

Questions regarding the forms or procedures should be directed to Judi Dorn, VP of Research Office, rsch-internal-awards-program@usf.edu.