

MEMORANDUM

TO: UAH Tenured and Tenure-track Faculty Members

FROM: Dr. Ray Vaughn, Vice President for Research

DATE: June 24, 2013

SUBJECT: 2013 UAH Cross-College Faculty Research (CCFR) Program

Request for Proposals

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is soliciting proposals from UAH tenured and tenure-track faculty who desire to create interdisciplinary, cross-college research groups on campus. These grants will be in the amount of \$5,000 each and must be spent within a period of 12 months (renewable, for a total of 24 months and \$10,000). A total amount of \$100,000 is expected to be available for award in 2013.

The grants are intended to facilitate interdisciplinary interaction between faculty from more than one College around a common theme. These collaborative teams must be composed of faculty from more than one College and would be expected to meet on a regular basis, share research ideas, and prepare one or more proposals to an external funding agency within the first 12 months after award. Consideration of continued funding for Year 2 will be contingent on the success of the research group during Year 1 as outlined in a progress report to the OVPR.

In order to apply for a first-time Cross-College Faculty Research grant, faculty should submit a request (12-point font, one-inch margins, not to exceed two double-spaced pages) which outlines the proposed research topic, the names and departmental affiliations of faculty who have agreed to participate, identification of the funding agencies that would be interested in funding the proposed research topic, and whether or not there is international collaborative potential. In addition, a notional budget (salary, fringes, travel, materials & supplies, and/or equipment) should be included as a separate page along with a two-page-maximum vitae for the principal investigator and each co-investigator. The funds provided may be used for any legitimate expense associated with supporting the research group. A mid-year progress report will be required as well as a final progress report due not later than July 14, 2014.

A faculty member may only lead a single proposal as a PI, but may participate in any number of groups as a Co-I. Proposals with topics that are judged to be substantively similar may be combined by the OVPR and funded as one \$5,000 award.

Future renewal requests for Year 2 funding will require the submission of the information requested above, plus a third page that addresses the progress made during the first year of funding. This progress will include external proposals submitted and their status (pending decision, awarded, or declined).

Proposals should be forwarded as a single PDF file to Susan Phelan (<u>Susan.Phelan@uah.edu</u>) in the Office of Sponsored Programs not later than 5:00 P.M. on August 2, 2013, for consideration. Submissions will be reviewed by the OVPR for funding decisions. Questions concerning this opportunity should be addressed to Dr. Tom Koshut, <u>Tom.Koshut@uah.edu</u>, or 824-6100.