

PROVOST'S RESEARCH AWARDS 2025

Award Timeline:

Release PRA RFA:	August 21, 2024
Applications due to OVPRS:	October 18, 2024 by 5PM
Award Notification:	January 2025
Funding Period:	June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Program Description:

The Provost's Research Awards (PRAs) are designed to foster excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activities at the University of Miami. The Provost's goal is to continue to build and maintain a world-class university featuring a community of scholars, scientists, humanists, and artists with robust externally funded programs. The PRAs provide seed funding designed to contribute significantly to the growth of the university's research portfolio.

Mechanism:

The PRAs provide salary support and direct research costs to assist both individual faculty and teams of researchers/scholars in developing new areas of inquiry and/or elevating ongoing research, scholarly, and creative activities.

Eligibility:

- Regular faculty and full-time research faculty members with *nine-month appointments* are eligible to apply for both faculty salary and direct research costs.
- Regular faculty and full-time research faculty members with *twelve-month appointments* may apply for direct research costs only (See Faculty Manual).
- Faculty in Practice, Adjunct, Visiting or Affiliated Faculty, Lecturers, and Instructors are NOT eligible. Miller School of Medicine faculty members are NOT eligible. However, the Office of the Executive Dean for Research (EDR) in collaboration with the Scientific Awards Committee (SAC) offers Miller School faculty internal funds through seven other award programs.

Note: Medical School faculty are not eligible to apply. However, they may serve as Co-Investigators (without salary support).

- All applicants are required to complete training on Conflict of Interest (COI) and disclose their outside financial interests and involvement with foreign entities to UM at least annually through the [UDisclose System](#). **Proposals will not be considered until all team members have completed the training and disclosure.**

Restrictions:

- A faculty member who receives a PRA with salary support for two consecutive years may NOT apply for salary support the following year, with priority given to new applicants.
- All eligible faculty members may seek funds for direct research costs on an annual basis.
- Faculty who have received PRA funding within the last three years MUST submit final reports for their previous projects. Applications from faculty who have not submitted final reports will not be accepted. Reports for previous years' projects must be submitted before September 18, 2024.
- Faculty who have a current no-cost extension (NCE) on a PRA are NOT eligible to apply.
- Faculty may submit only one proposal each year, whether as PI or as Co-Investigator.
- Faculty who have applied for and/or received other University of Miami internal awards MUST disclose this information where appropriate within the application form. Should PRA funding be awarded, the PRA amount may be adjusted for the other internal award, if it relates to the same scope of work.
- Faculty who are awarded a PRA cannot hold an Arts & Humanities internal award concurrently.

- A faculty member may teach during the summer months of the award year. However, all plans for summer teaching activities must be described at the time of application if salary support for the proposed project is to be awarded.
- The PRAs are explicitly designed for the support of faculty members who are conducting their own research. Faculty should not apply for PRA funding to support graduate student research, including dissertations. Similarly, teams of applicants should not consist of a senior faculty mentor who is “supervising” the work of a more junior person in exchange for salary support.
- If traveling, PRA recipients must comply with the University of Miami travel guidelines, <https://travel.miami.edu/business-travel/travel-policies/index.html>

Evaluation Process:

Applications will be submitted to the OVPRS and will be reviewed by subject-matter experts from across the institution whose expertise aligns closely with the scholarship proposed. Reviewers will be vetted for peer review using guidelines established by NIH and other federal funding agencies, for any potential COI before being assigned to an application for review. Reviewers will evaluate the proposals using the following criteria:

- Prospect that the work will result in successful applications for external funding/support (where applicable), relevant peer-reviewed activity, or juried evaluation
- Scholarly, scientific, and/or creative merit of the proposal
- Appropriateness of methodology
- Clarity of presentation
- Qualifications, experience, productivity, and promise of the applicant(s)
- Stewardship of the resources provided by previous PRAs (if applicable)
- Appropriateness of the proposal for collaborative work (if applicable)

Applicants, collaborators, and reviewers involved with the application must follow the Scientific Peer Review Dos and Don'ts guidelines [Scientific Peer Review Dos and Don'ts](#).

Final decisions on awards are made by the OVPRS, based on reviewer feedback and available funding.

Award Terms:

- The award period is one year.
- Awardees must adhere to the award budget. Funds may be re-budgeted ONLY with prior approval from the OVPRS.
- Awardees must plan to stay at the University of Miami for the academic year following the award period.
- Awardees must commit to submit applications for external support if opportunities exist.
- At the time of award, a project-specific certification must be completed by each applicant substantially involved in the design, conduct or reporting of the project. All COI concerns must be resolved prior to the disbursement of funds.

Budget:

The PRAs provide up to \$13,500 for faculty salary for each awardee (inclusive of fringe). Up to \$6,500 for direct research costs will be awarded to single PI applications, and up to \$10,000 in direct costs for team project applications. For specific budget guidelines, please see the [PRA Budget Guidelines document](#).

Post-Award Requirements:

Awardees are required to submit progress/final reports within one month after the end of the award period. Awardees will also be required to submit follow-up reports 12 months after the award period ends.

All peer-reviewed activities directly resulting from this award, even if produced/received past the end of the reporting period, are required to be documented and submitted to OVPRS.

Application Details:

Applications are due by 5PM on October 18, 2024. Proposals will be submitted via the InfoReady Review System: <https://miami.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1942910>

Participating faculty must submit the following as part of their application:

- Proposal Title (*required*)
- Project Summary (Limit 200 words) (*required*)
- Research Plan (Limit 4 pages) (*required*)
 - The Research plan should address the following points:
 - Objectives and Rationale: Succinctly describe the objectives of your research and the rationale.
 - Significance: Describe how this project and its future direction will add to your field, and to your research trajectory.
 - Innovation: Describe the novel and innovative aspects of your project.
 - Background: Describe any preliminary data you have; concentrate on those directly related to the proposed project.
 - Methodology: Describe how you will accomplish your objectives.
 - Timeline: Provide a timeline with anticipated results.
 - Deliverables: What specific outcome(s) is/are expected from this award (including grant/fellowship proposals and timelines for submittal).
 - If previous PRA funding has been obtained, describe outcomes of that funding.
- Budget and Justification (*required, use template provided*)
- References (*optional*)
- Biosketch(es) and/or CV (*required*)
- Supporting Documents/Supplementary Materials (*optional*)

Please follow the below formatting requirements:

Font: use common font (Helvetica, Arial, or Times New Roman) at 11pt or larger, including figure legends, footnotes and captions. **Margin**: at least 0.5" each side. Single-spaced or larger. Please upload documents in PDF format. **If these instructions on formatting are not followed, your application will not be considered**

Additional Information:

For questions related to this funding opportunity, please contact Eva Olivares at eolivares@miami.edu.