

PROVOST'S RESEARCH AWARDS 2021

Award Timeline:

Applications due to **Schools/Colleges:**

Selected Applications due to **Office of the VPRS:**

Award Notification:

Funding Period:

Contact your School's Research Dean

November 20, 2020

January 29, 2021

June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022

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.
- All applicants are required to complete training on Conflict of Interest (COI) every four years in the [CITI system](#) 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, 2020.
- 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-PI.
- 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.
- 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.

Evaluation Process:

The evaluation of applications will be conducted in two phases. Applications will first be evaluated and ranked by a process developed by each School/College, to include input from the Dean and Research Dean. Schools will be permitted to forward up to 50% of the applications received (with a minimum of 3 proposals, whichever is higher), chosen according to the criteria listed below:

- Potential scholarly/creative impact of the proposed project
- Importance of the project for the applicant's career
- Ability to enhance the prospect of future external support, when applicable
- Alignment of the project with the School's vision/goals

In the second round, applications selected to move forward by each school / college 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 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)

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 \$10,500 for faculty salary for each awardee. 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.

Post-Award Requirements:

Awardees are required to submit progress reports within three months after the end of the award period. Awardees will also be required to submit follow-up reports 18 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 in the InfoReady system.

A no-cost extension and/or extension of the report deadline may be requested, with a written justification, by contacting the OVPRS.

Additional Information:

For additional information including FAQs and application instructions, please go to <https://www.uresearch.miami.edu/funding-opportunities/provosts-research-awards/index.html>.

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