WeR1: Investing in Faculty Success
Program for Faculty Research Support
Summer 2022

BACKGROUND: The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR), in collaboration with Academic Affairs and ADVANCE at UNM, has launched an institutional initiative to support main campus faculty in navigating the post-pandemic world. UNM data show that during the pandemic, many faculty members spent less timeon research and scholarship and related professional development as they revised theirteaching and dealt with new and different demands in their home lives. As we transition out of the pandemic, the WeR1 Faculty Success Program seeks to support UNM facultyin new and creative ways.

DESCRIPTION: With this summer program, we seek to support faculty transitioning back to focusing more of their time and energy on their research and scholarship. Financial awards (up to $5,000) will be made to promote a faculty member's research, creative, and scholarly activities. These summer research funds are available to scholars from all disciplines and canbe used for a variety of aspects of a project. Preference will be given to faculty whose research or creative productivity has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, non-tenured, early career faculty, those who do not have significant extramural funding, and those who have not previously been awarded SuRF funding.

ELIGIBILITY: UNM Main Campus tenure-track or research faculty are eligible to apply for this program. Preference will be given to non-tenured early career, tenure-track faculty and faculty whose research progress/productivity has been demonstrably affected by the pandemic. Recipients must have submitted all reports and requirementsfrom previous WeR1 awards (e.g., SuRF, FaST, PERC). Those with unexpended funds from previous SuRF awards are <u>not</u> eligible to apply this round.

ALLOWABLE COSTS: This pilot program provides a maximum award of **$5,000**.Allowable costs include, but are not limited to:
- Stipend support for graduate or undergraduate research students
- Equipment, materials and supplies, including replacement of supplies that werelost during the pandemic (e.g., outdated chemicals, expired samples,), including combining these funds with other resources (e.g., startup funds) to purchase capital equipment.
- User fees for specialized equipment/analysis

- Travel to perform field work or to access research archives or other resources not accessible within NM for the purposes of analyzing and/or synthesizing materials such as historical documents, economic data, sociological data, etc.
- Subventions to support publication (e.g., copyediting, graphics development,)
- Access to databases needed for research
- Incentives for research participants (e.g., gift cards)

Non-allowable costs include faculty and technical staff salary support, conference travel, instructional or office equipment, consultants, honoraria, and tuition.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: The following application materials should be submitted through UNM's InfoReady Review https://unm.infoready4.com/

- **Email address**
- **Name**
- **Rank/Title**
- **Department**
- **Project Title**
- **Previous WeR1 Award Information**
- **Optional Demographic Information**
- **Brief Project Description and Timeline** (**1.5-page maximum**): Please include a brief description of the project and need for WeR1 Faculty Success support, including availability of other funding, how this support will contribute to the PI's career trajectory, a pandemic impact statement briefly describing how scholarly and creative work has been impacted by the pandemic (e.g., data collection interrupted or stopped; archives closed; performances cancelled), and a specific **timeline** of project activities to be completed.
- **Alternative project plan (0.5-page maximum):** Please include a description of an alternative plan for expending funds in the event that your original timeline/project is impacted by circumstances beyond your control.
- **Simple Budget and Justification (1-page maximum)**: Please provide a simplified budget and brief justification for how the funds will be spent. Typical categories for expenditures include but are not limited to those provided above under allowable costs. Here's an example budget and justification with appropriate level of detail: "*I am requesting a total of $4,000, which will be spent to (a) purchase project materials and supplies lost during the pandemic ($500); (b) provide stipend support (including fringe benefits) for a graduate student researcher to restart the project through regenerating lost data ($3,000); and (c) travel to allow access to data in archives located in Anytown, which is necessary to complete the project ($500).*"

DEADLINES: The application deadline for summer 2022 support is **Friday, March 25, 2022, 5:00 p.m**. Decisions will be made as soon as possible and no later than May 1, 2022.

REVIEW CRITERIA, AWARD PROCESS, and REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications will be reviewed by the WeR1 Investing in Faculty Success steering committee, which includes representation from the ADVANCE program, the Provost's office and the OVPR, among others. If needed, additional faculty-based subject matter expertise will be sought. Recommendations will be made to the VPR, who will make the final selection.

- Primary review criteria will be:
    - potential for impact on the trajectory of research progress/productivity,
    - evidence of need resulting from pandemic-related interruption of scholarlywork, and
    - career stage of PI (i.e., rank, tenure status) and availability of alternate funding.
- Award recipients should anticipate an event at the end of the summer where awardees will be invited to share their accomplishments.
- After award notification, recipients will be asked to provide an index code via InfoReady Review. If no index is received by June 15, funds will be withdrawn.
- Reporting requirements: Award recipients are expected to submit two progress reports. The first is due **August 2022** and is a simple mid-point check-in with budget update. The final impact report is due **January 31, 2023**. The final impact report will summarize the impact of the awardon your research or scholarship**.** The report should be a maximum of 1 page and will be submitted electronically via the InfoReady Review portal. We also encourage the submission of photos or other media that support the impact report. As these funds are intended to address immediate needs for restarting research/scholarship efforts, the expectation is that they will be spent by the end of the Fall 2022 semester or December 31, 2022. In addition, the awardee must respond to any requestfor information from OVPR, ADVANCE UNM, or UNM Marketing and Communications related to this award.
- All publications and other printed materials benefitting from this award, including websites, should acknowledge the funding source as "This work was conductedwith support from the University of New Mexico Office of the Vice President for Research WeR1 Faculty Success Program."

Questions regarding this RFP can be directed to Hannah Torres by emailing: frdo@unm.edu.