

To: A&S Faculty, College of William and Mary

Re: Faculty Research Committee (FRC) 2012-2013 Report

Submitted by: Ale Lukaszew, FRC Chair

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The Faculty Research Committee is a College committee composed of ten members: three from Area I, four from Area II, and three from Area III. Ex Officio, non-voting members are the Vice Provost for Research, Dennis Manos along with Cindy Corbett, Associate Director of Sponsored Programs. The Schools and Law and Business no longer have representatives on the FRC.

Members of the 2012-13 committee are: AREA I, Francie Cate-Arries (Hispanic Studies, MLL), Michael Daise (Religion), and Melanie Dawson (Fall 2012-English)/Jennifer Putzi (Spring 2013/Women's Studies); AREA II, Bill Fisher (Anthropology), Paul Kieffaber (Psychology), Sarah Stafford (Economics) and the School of Education representative, Carol Tieso (SOE); AREA III, Ale Lukaszew (Physics), Robert Pike (Chemistry) and Leah Shaw (Applied Science).

The committee administers the internal selection process for the following programs: 1) Summer Research Grant applications (internal program), 2) NEH Summer Stipend program, 3) Oak Ridge Junior Faculty Awards, 4) Jeffress Interdisciplinary limited application program, and 5) NSF-MRI limited submission program.

It is possible that other new grant programs which assert a limited number of submissions will fall under the purview of this committee in the future.

The committee also has been responsible for book-subventions; however, no proposal has been submitted in this category this year.

In each case, the Committee reports its recommendations directly to the Vice Provost for Research/OSP. In the case of the summer research grant internal program, a report is made directly to the Provost.

- (1) Faculty Summer Research Grants: The ultimate goal of this SRG program is to ensure that every pre-tenure faculty member receives two summer grants within their first three years at the College. Therefore, funding priority is given to junior faculty members in their first three years of service, who have not been funded yet or who have attained only one summer grant. The committee reviewed a total of 32 applications and recommended 32 proposals. Those proposals recommended for Suzanne Matthews award of \$5000 were: Xin Wu (AREA I), Jaime Settle and Philip Roessler (AREA II), Harmony Dalgleish and Anke van Zuijlen (AREA III).

The FRC recommendations were accepted by the Provost, and the applicants were notified by via email by the Provost's Office on January 7, 2013.

- (2) NEH Summer Stipend: FRC reviewed three NEH Summer Stipend proposals and recommended the maximum two institutional nominees for this program.
- (3) Oak Ridge Junior Faculty Enhancement: FRC was prepared to review Oak Ridge Junior Faculty Enhancement applications for a limited submission program but the college only had two applicants for two possible institutional nominees.
- (4) Jeffress Interdisciplinary Program: FRC reviewed five proposals for the new limited submission program. A maximum of four proposals per institution was permitted per the solicitation guidelines.
- (5) NSF-MRI (Major Research Instrumentation): FRC reviewed four NSF MRI proposals and recommended three (two for equipment acquisition and one for development) in this category. This program requires a 30% cost-share so it is closely coordinated with the office of the VPR to ensure funds are available for the institutional commitment. Thus, the review requires the applications meet institutional priorities, has the VPR commitment of cost-share, and meet the prescribed solicitation guidelines.

Respectfully submitted by:

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c: Cindy Corbett/Office of Sponsored Programs