

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

Re: Faculty Research Committee (FRC) 2013-2014 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 2013-14 committee are: AREA I, Gayle Murchison (Music), Jennifer Putzi (English/Women's Studies) and Denise Wade (Dance/Theatre/Speech); AREA II, Danielle Dallaire (Psychology), Pamela Hunt (Psychology), Paul Kieffaber (Psychology), and the School of Education representative, Megan Tschannen-Moran; AREA III, Ale Lukaszew (Physics), Robert Pike (Chemistry) and Andreas Stathapoulos (Computer 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 44 applications.

- a. AREA I, 20 applicants
- b. AREA II, 17 applicants
- c. AREA III, 7 applicants

A quorum of the FRC met on 11/23/13: it was “understood that there are sufficient funds for all the applicants that submitted a proposal this year, it was agreed to recommend that all of them receive the Summer Research Grant.”

The total of 44 applicants was recommended for funding as follows:

- a) 40 at \$4000 level;
- b) Those proposals recommended for Suzanne Matthews award of \$5000 were: Scherrer, Jonathan (CHEM, AREA III), Chen, Jason (ED, area II), Settle, Jaime (GOVT, area II), and Hui, Calvin (MLL, area I).
- 2) NEH Summer Stipends: Due to lack of response to RFP, the internal deadline was extended two additional days. With the extension, three internal applicants submitted proposals. Since the institution is limited to two applicants, a quorum of the FRC (7/10) determined Calvin Hui and Robert Vinson would receive the institutional endorsement.
- 3) Oak Ridge Junior Faculty Enhancement: Up to two institutional applications permitted per the program RFP; the program was announced, however there were no internal applicants.
- 4) Jeffress Interdisciplinary Program: This program is directed at investigators within seven years of their initial faculty appointment. The program permits up to four institutional nominees, however, only two applied thus they moved forward to full submission: Harmony J. Dalglish (Biology) and Denys Poshyvanyk (Computer Science).
- 5) NSF-MRI-no applicants this year thus no FRC review.

Respectfully submitted by:

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c: Cindy Corbett/Office of Sponsored Programs