

Office the Vice President for Research

Internal Funding Opportunities

The OVPR is committed to supporting UConn faculty in their efforts to get funded. The OVPR provides financial and operational support for several internal funding programs, such as:

- **Research Excellence Program (REP)**
The primary goal of the REP is to provide seed funding to promote, support, and enhance the research, scholarship, and creative endeavors of faculty at UConn, including (but not limited to) the strategic and emerging areas delineated in the Academic Plan. This program provides support to faculty, regardless of rank, to facilitate competitiveness in their pursuit of extramural funding opportunities. tiny.cc/uconn-REP
- **Scholarship Facilitation Fund (SFF)**
The SFF is designed to assist faculty in the initiation, completion, or advancement of research projects, scholarly activities, creative works, or interdisciplinary initiatives that are critical to advancing the faculty member's scholarship and/or creative works. The OVPR provides financial support of up to \$2,000 to faculty across all disciplines, on a competitive basis, to promote, support, and enhance the research, scholarship, and creative endeavors they pursue at UConn. tiny.cc/uconn-SFF
- **Faculty Travel Funding**
The OVPR Travel Funds and the University Professional Development Funds, as part of the Contract Agreement with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), are available to support travel to domestic or international professional societies directly associated with a faculty member's research. These funds are limited, and faculty are encouraged to request funding as soon as they know they will attend a conference or professional workshop. tiny.cc/uconn-travel
- **SPARK Technology Commercialization Fund**
This program aims to help investigators move ideas into the earliest stages of commercialization and development. Submitted proposals are reviewed by a selection committee including UConn/UConn Health faculty and staff leaders, entrepreneurs, and senior executives from various industries. For more information about SPARK, contact Rita Zangari (rita.zangari@uconn.edu)
- **Limited Submissions**
The OVPR supports internal screening processes that may be necessary when a sponsor limits the number of proposals submitted by an institution. tiny.cc/uconn-LS
- **Grant Writing Support**
In partnership with schools and colleges, the OVPR provides several grant writing seminars and workshops targeted at specific funding agencies and sponsors. Additional support such as grant writing manuals, technical support, and expert consultation are also available. tiny.cc/uconn-grantworkshops
- **Funding Databases/RSS Feeds**
The OVPR provides access to several funding databases including Pivot, Grants.gov, and the Foundation Directory Online, as well as RSS Feeds to external funding sources. Updated funding announcements and training opportunities are posted on the OVPR website. research.uconn.edu/funding

We are here to help!

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