

Drake Research Grant

Overview

The Drake Research Grant offers up to \$3,000 to fund activities and materials necessary to support research undertaken by Drake University faculty on continuing appointment: supplies (including animals), student research assistance, and when central to the research process, travel associated with research or creative activity. In particular, the Program seeks to position faculty currently under-supported by sources outside Drake to more favorably compete for extramural funding and to encourage research projects conducted in collaboration with Drake students. This Program does not fund the purchase of computing equipment, reassignment from teaching, pedagogical or course development, or conference travel. Only under rare circumstances will non-computer-based equipment purchases be considered.

The Drake Research Grant is the only Provost's-Office grant that funds original disciplinary research or creative activity.

Funds remain for this academic year and applications will be accepted and evaluated immediately. For funding for projects that end by June 31, 2022 please indicate clearly in the subject line of your application email that this is a request for AY21/22.

For funding that begins July 1, 2022 please indicate clearly in subject line of your application email that this is a request for AY22/23.

Criteria and Evaluation

The Drake Research Grant is awarded on a competitive basis. The following criteria will guide the comparative evaluation of proposals:

Proposed projects of demonstrable scholarly or creative merit at any stage of development will be considered for support. However, projects in their early or middle stages and those whose applicants intend to pursue extramural support on the basis of this award will be given priority over late-stage projects of otherwise equal merit and over proposals to be funded entirely through resources available at Drake. Also, projects that propose significant collaboration with student as researchers, practitioners, or co-creators will be prioritized over those that do not. Finally, proposals from applicants who have not received Research Grant funding in the past may be prioritized over proposals by those who have, all else being equal.

The overriding consideration is the demonstrated scholarly, practical or creative merit of the proposed project, according to the standards of the discipline in which it is conducted.

Application Procedures

Proposals must include the following:

1. A completed Uniform Application Cover Sheet.
2. A narrative statement outlining the project to be supported, including a description of the methodologies or approaches to be used.
3. An explanation of the particular merits of the work to be undertaken in terms of the discipline(s) in which it falls.
4. A summary of the project's history, development, and expected endpoint.
5. A one paragraph explanation of the project that can be understood by those who are not specialists in the research area.
6. A detailed budget, identifying how the funds will be used, including an explicit statement of the total amount of funding requested. Please note that if you hire a student research assistant who is not taking any classes, your budget will be responsible for the 7.65% FICA charge. Please consult the Uniform Application Budget Checklist.
7. An overview of other sources of funding more likely to be conferred as a consequence of this award, if applicable.
8. A timeline of the work to be undertaken. Generally, all work funded must be completed by the end May in the current fiscal year.
9. When applicable, a plan for securing Institutional Review Board or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval for the use of human and/or animal subjects.
10. The applicant's current *curriculum vitae*.

Please also consult the faculty development Frequently Asked Questions for more detailed guidance.

Please electronically submit completed proposals, as attachments in standard document format (MS Word or Excel, and PDF) to renee.cramer@drake.edu.

Subject line should be AY21/22 or AY22/23.

Awarded funds become available July 1 and must be used by May 31 of the current fiscal year.