NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Recipients of President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity
Congratulations to successful applicants for FY2016 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Awards. See page 2 for a listing of awardees.

President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity FY2017
Grants from the President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity (PFRCA) are available to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding of research, scholarship, creative activity. Faculty members from both Unit A and Unit B are eligible to apply. Applications for the next round of PFRCA funding are due October 5, 2015 by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 2.

Council on Faculty Research
Applications for the FY16 Council on Faculty Research funding will be due September 9, 2015, by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 3.

Proposal Initiative Fund
Due to budgetary constraints, the PIF competition has been suspended.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages four through six recognizes everyone who received a grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the months of November 2014 through February 2015.

Bob Chesnut
**FY2016 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Awards**

The Office of President and Research and Sponsored Programs would like to congratulate the faculty members who have received a FY2016 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Award:

David Cook—Mathematics and Computer Science Department
Anabela Resende da Maia—Biological Sciences Department
Radu Semeniuc—Chemistry Department

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**FY2017 President’s Fund for Research and Creative Activity Competition**

The purpose of the President's Fund Research and Creative Activity (PFRCA) is to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding of research and/or scholarship. Faculty members from both Unit A and Unit B are eligible to apply.

Applicants agree to submit at least one proposal for external funding within 12 months of the end of the PFRCA grant. The total amount of external funding requested should normally be at least four times the amount of PFRCA funding awarded. PFRCA proposals are evaluated by external reviewers and by an internal advisory board appointed by the President of Eastern Illinois University. The President makes all final funding decisions.

Proposals for up to $20,000 will be accepted. Successful applicants can expect to begin spending PFRCA funds on July 1, 2016.

The proposal must be hand-delivered to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, by noon on October 5, 2015. To access program guidelines and application instructions, please visit our website at [http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/INTERNAL_PRF.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/INTERNAL_PRF.php).
FY2016 COUNCIL ON FACULTY RESEARCH (CFR) GRANT COMPETITION

The Council on Faculty Research (CFR) grant competition will be held in early September. The Council supports research and creative activity. Proposed projects must address a significant scholarly issue. All tenured/tenure track faculty in Bargaining Unit A, department chairs, and associate chairs are eligible to submit. Eligible persons who wish to apply for funding from the CFR should either apply online or deliver one copy of their proposal to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall, no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

Researchers who have previously received any internal funding through ORSP should make sure all progress/final reports are on file in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

To obtain a copy of the application materials, please visit our website at http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/OS_Internal_Forms.php. Applicants should be sure they use the most current application forms. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125.

2014-2015 COUNCIL ON FACULTY RESEARCH

Rebecca Cook .........................Special Education
Ronan Bernas..........................Psychology
Steve Brantley.........................Library Services
Melanie Burns..........................Family and Consumer Sciences
Robert Colombo.......................Biological Sciences
Marko Grünhagen, Chair.............School of Business
David Richardson.....................Art
Nora Pat Small.........................History
Jennifer Stringfellow...............Special Education
GRANTS RECEIVED
NOVEMBER, 2014—FEBRUARY, 2015


Coons, Janice, Biological Sciences. Population surveys, reproductive ecology, and seed ecology and seed predator identification for Physaria kaibabensis. University of Illinois Urbana Champaign/Illinois Natural History Survey, $2,000.


Neal, Jack, WEIU. IAC FY15 (Basic Grant). Illinois Arts Council, $50,300.


Reven, Linda, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education. Gateways to Opportunity School Age Specialist Credential pilot program. Illinois Network for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, $5,000.

Reven, Linda, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education. Gateways to Opportunity Youth Development Specialist Credential pilot program. Illinois Network for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, $5,000.
GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
NOVEMBER, 2014—FEBRUARY, 2015


Bulla, Gary, Biological Sciences. RUI: Mapping Genetic Networks that Dictate the Mammalian Liver Phenotype. National Science Foundation.

Bulla, Gary/Konkle, Mary/Menze, Michael/Nathan, Britto/Periyannan, Gopal, Biological Sciences/Chemistry. MRI: Acquisition of a Laser Confocal Microscope. National Science Foundation.

Canam, Thomas, Biological Sciences. White-rot fungi as pretreatment agents for the production of fuel from energy grasses. Department of Energy.

Canam, Thomas, Biological Sciences. Enhancing the density and thermochemical conversion of energy grasses with white-rot fungi. National Science Foundation.

Cheney, Austin/Pearson, Mildren/Polydore, Catherine/Gaines/Cornebise, School of Technology/ECELMLE/Counseling and SD/Biological Sciences/Geology/Geography. Self-Efficacy and Engagement to Develop STEM Students (SEEDS). National Science Foundation.


He, Hongshan/Liu, Peter/Wheeler, Kraig/Sheeran, Dan, Chemistry/School of Technology. MRI: Acquisition of a Thin Film Deposition Glove System for Interdisciplinary Research and Education. National Science Foundation.

Holly, Donald, Sociology/Anthropology. Collaborative Research: The Initial Peopling and Settlement of Eastern Newfoundland. National Science Foundation.


Liu, Peter Ping, Center for Clean Energy Research and Education. Empowering Undergraduate and High School Students in Learning Biomass Renewable Energy by Integrating Student-Led Research and Entrepreneurship - A Multi-Disciplinary Approach. National Science Foundation.

Liu, Peter/Hastings, Ryan, School of Technology/Athletics. Center for Clean Energy Research and Education/Athletics. Ameren Illinois.
**Grant Proposals Submitted Continued**

**November, 2014—February, 2015**

**Md-Yunus, Sham’ah, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education.** Early Childhood Educator Preparation Program Innovation Grant Year Two. Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**Painter, James, Family and Consumer Sciences.** Perceived Feelings of Contentment and Happiness After Consuming Snack Foods. Paramount Farms.

**Periyannan, Gopal, Chemistry.** RUI: Microbial Plant Polysaccharide Metabolism: Xylan Degradation and Nutrient Uptake by Caulobacter crescentus. National Science Foundation.

**Reid, Debra, History.** Field School in Interdisciplinary Medieval Research, Analysis and Public Interpretation. Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.


**Reven, Linda, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education.** Gateways to Opportunity Youth Development Specialist Credential pilot program. Illinois Network for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

**Reven, Linda, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education.** Gateways to Opportunity School Age Specialist Credential pilot program. Illinois Network for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

**Siegel, Ryan, Facilities Planning and Management.** DCEO Energy Efficiency Program to support replacement of dishwashers and windows at EIU. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

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Approval of budgets
Creation of grant accounts
Transactions throughout the life of the grant
Financial reports