NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer Research and Creative Activity
Applications for the 2015 Summer Research and Creative Activity are due Wednesday, February 4, 2015, by 12:00 noon. For more details, see the summary on page 5.

Proposal Initiative Fund
Due to financial constraints, the FY 2016 Proposal Initiative Fund competition has been canceled. For more details about the PIF program, see the summary on page 7. Check our website for more information about future competitions.

CFR Awards—Fall 2014
The Council on Faculty Research recently presented several awards for research and creative activity to be conducted during the 2014 – 2015 academic year. A list of funded projects is on page 6.

Submissions and Awards
The listing on pages 2-4 recognizes those who received an external grant or submitted a proposal for external funding during the months of July through October 2014.
GRANTS RECEIVED
JULY—OCTOBER, 2014


Chesnut, Robert, Research and Sponsored Programs. Prescription Information Library FY15. Illinois Department of Human Services, $211,261.03.


Colombo, Robert/Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences. NFPP - Vermillion River Basin Biological Assessment for Dam Removal. Illinois Department of Natural Resources, $30,000.


Mullin, Stephen, Biological Sciences. Safe Passage: The Hose Bridge as a Model Conduit System During Seasonal Peaks in the Migration of Small Vertebrates.. Illinois Department of Natural Resources, $1,998.

Mulvaney, Michael/Barkley, James, Recreation Administration. Edgar County Trails and Greenways: Blackhawk Trail Master Plan (Phase II). Edgar County Highway Department, $9,560.

Neal, Jack, WEIU. Community Service Grant FY2015. Corporation for Public Broadcasting, $794,480.


Rich, Cynthia, Education and Professional Studies Dean’s Office. Teaching with Primary Sources (Year 8). Library of Congress, $110,000.
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<td>System Management, Mapping and Workflow Initiative (Increase and extension).</td>
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<td>He, Hongshan</td>
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GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
JULY—OCTOBER, 2014


Konkle, Mary/Menze, Michael, Chemistry/Biological Sciences. RUI: A Mechanistic Investigation on How the Redox Chemistry of MitoNEET Regulates Energy Homeostasis on Cellular and Molecular Levels. National Science Foundation.


Meiners, Scott, Biological Sciences. The potential for hazelnuts and chestnuts as sustainable crops in Illinois. Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Menze, Michael, Biological Sciences. Collaborative Research: Mechanisms of Tolerance to Severe Water Stress in Animals. National Science Foundation.


Mulvaney, Michael/Barkley, James, Recreation Administration. Edgar County Trails and Greenways: Blackhawk Trail Master Plan (Phase II). Edgar County Highway Department.

Neal, Jack, WEIU. Community Service Grant FY2015. Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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


Savickas, Eric, Military Sciences. EIU ROTC Cadet Awards Promotion FY15. Tawani Charitable Foundation.

Semeniuc, Radu, Chemistry. RUI: Mechanically Interlocked Molecules with Starburst Topology. National Science Foundation.


In accordance with the 2012-2016 EIU-UPI Unit A Agreement, Summer Research and Creative Activity Awards will once again be available this year. The awards are for research and creative activity projects conducted between the end of the spring semester and Aug. 31, 2015 by tenured/tenure track faculty in Bargaining Unit A. Approximately 20 awards of $4,500 each in the form of personal services payments will be granted.

Faculty who wish to apply for funding should either apply online or hand-deliver one copy of the proposal to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1102 Blair Hall. All applications must be submitted no later than noon on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015. Researchers who have previously received a CFR grant and/or Summer Research and Creative Activity Award 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 and guidelines, please visit our web site. Applicants should make sure they use the most current application forms.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mattingly in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 581-2125 or mamattingly@eiu.edu.
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Council on Faculty Research would like to congratulate the faculty members who received Academic Year 2014-2015 Council on Faculty Research Awards. This year the Council received twenty-one grant proposals. The College of Arts and Humanities submitted two proposals, the College of Business and Applied Sciences submitted three proposals, the College of Education and Professional Studies submitted two proposals, the College of Sciences submitted thirteen proposals, and Library Services submitted one proposal. Out of the twenty-one proposals, ten were funded. Award winners are: John Bickford III (Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle-Level, Education), Craig Chesner (Geology/Geography), Jill Deppe (Biological Sciences), Lania Knight (English), Michael Menze (Biological Sciences), Stephen Mullin (Biological Sciences), Britto Nathan (Biological Sciences), Gopal Periyannan (Chemistry), Ruben Quesada (English), Isaac Slaven (School of Technology).

**Fall 2014 Faculty Development Seminars**

**How to Write a Proposal to the Council on Faculty Research**

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Martinsville Room, MLK Jr. University Union

Eastern’s internal funding for research and creative activity is awarded on a competitive basis by the Council on Faculty Research. There are two rounds of funding, one in the fall and one in the spring. This presentation will include suggestions for making a proposal competitive, as well as examples of recent funded proposals.

To register for these or other seminars, contact Faculty Development at 217-581-7051 or visit their [website](http://example.com).
PIF HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR 2015 (FY2016)

The purpose of the Proposal Initiative Fund (PIF) is to support projects with potential to lead to significant external funding. Normally, anyone who accepts a PIF grant will agree in writing to submit a proposal for external funding within 12 months of the end of the PIF grant. There are two types of PIF grants: Type A (maximum of $1,500) and Type B (maximum of $7,500). Applicants for Type A grants must demonstrate plans to apply for an external grant worth a total of at least $20,000 within one year of the end of the Type A grant. Applicants for Type B grants must demonstrate plans to apply for an external grant worth at least $50,000 per year within one year of the end of the Type B grant.
## Who to Contact

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| Bob Chesnut               | Director                            | 1110 Blair Hall, (217) 581-8453 rwchesnut@eiu.edu        | - Assistance with identifying grant opportunities  
- Advice on proposal writing  
- Assistance with budget calculations |
| Mary Mattingly            | Administrative Clerk                | 1102 Blair Hall, (217) 581-2125 mamattingly@eiu.edu     | - Assistance with grant budget calculations  
- Proposal submission to external agencies  
- Internal Routing  
- Contact with agencies  
- Post-award forms and procedures |
| Cheryl Siddens            | Compliance Coordinator              | 1114 Blair Hall, (217) 581-8576 casiddens@eiu.edu       | - Protection of human subjects in research (IRB)  
- Protection of animals in research and teaching (IACUC) |
| Lauren Clapp              | Grant Accountant                    | 1131 Old Main, (217) 581-7752inclapp@eiu.edu            | - Approval of budgets  
- Creation of grant accounts  
- Transactions throughout the life of the grant  
- Financial reports |