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## Supporting Proposals and Unique Research (SPUR) Program

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The *Supporting Proposals and Unique Research (SPUR) Program* is a pilot program to support and encourage the research environment by further supporting external research grant activity at the Fairfield. The purpose of this pilot program is to enhance faculty and faculty-student research and scholarship, and to increase the number of large external grant proposals submitted by Fairfield faculty. The SPUR Program is administered by the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Supporting Proposals and Unique Research (SPUR) Program will support research by providing stipends to faculty (principal investigator) submitting grant proposals meeting the following criteria:

- I.) Submitting research and institutional proposals with a budget over \$500,000
- II.) Submitting research and institutional proposals between \$100,000 - \$500,000
- III.) Special and unique circumstances may be considered with proposal budgets less than \$100,000

The Principal Investigator (PI) submitting proposals greater than \$500,000 will be considered to receive \$2,000; PI's submitting proposals with a budget of \$100,000 - \$500,000 will be considered to receive a \$1,000 stipend. PI's may be eligible for an additional \$500 upon resubmission of the same proposal. A PI who has already received at least one SPUR award during a fiscal year may be eligible to receive an additional SPUR awards if there are competing proposals and/or limited funds. Awards will be paid as supplemental salary.

SPUR funding will be distributed through a two-step review process. The initial review of the SPUR proposal form will be conducted by the appropriate grants director: Corporate, Foundation, or Sponsored Programs. The final review will be conducted by the Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will determine appropriateness of the request for SPUR support. In addition, the Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs reserves the right to make expeditious decisions under special circumstances and may consider proposals of less than \$100,000.

Applications for fall 2015 and spring 2016 will be accepted on a rolling basis, starting September 1, 2015. Applications should include (1) a brief explanation for the request and a general overview of the research/project, (2) identify the funding entity (i.e.: NSF, NIH, HRSA), (3) provide an estimated budget and estimated indirect costs, and (4) identify the status of the submission: new, resubmission, or special circumstance. Complete the SPUR Program Form (Attachment 1) and send to the grants director overseeing the funder identified. Prior to completing the SPUR request form, contact the grants director who will be directly involved. For instance, if it is a federal funder identified to support your project then the Sponsored Programs director would be the point of contact.

The SPUR Program is to recognize and support grant development to further faculty research agendas, to further enhance student research mentoring, and to advance and contribute to the existing research activity at the University.

**2015 - 2016**  
**Supporting Proposals and Unique Research (SPUR) Program Form**

Name of Principal Investigator: \_\_\_\_\_ EXT: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Funding Entity:

Corporate \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Federal/State \_\_\_\_\_

Funder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Proposal is: NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ RESUBMIT: \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 1: If applicable, please describe the reason this should be considered a special circumstance.

Section 2: Briefly describe the scope of work to be supported by the external grant(s). Please describe your estimated timeline for submission of the external grant and any other factors affecting this timeline.

Section 3: Please explain the how, if any, student research assistants will be included in your research or project.

Section 4: Without providing a full budget, what is the estimated total project costs and associated estimated indirect costs; along with the number of years to be funded.

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PI Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grants Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynn Babington, Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs