

Research, Development, and External Partnerships

Annual Report

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This year the major work of the Research, Development, and External Partnership committee revolved around the review and recommendation of funding for internal grant proposals. Committee members reviewed four one year Proffitt Fund Endowment Proposals and funded two. All three Summer Faculty Fellowships were awarded. Two of the three submissions to the Creative Paths to Peace Endowment were awarded. Due to insufficient funds in the Kempf Fund Endowment, this internal grant competition was not held and a decision to offer it next year will be based on available funds.

In addition to these internal competitions, both IUB and IUPUI offered a new internal grant competition. The Research Proposal Incentive Fund was created by both campuses respectively to encourage faculty to pursue external funding. The call for proposals was created by the Office of Research and Development and offered during the middle of the academic year. The Associate Dean for Research asked the Research, Development, and External Partnerships to review and recommend awards. The committee decided to separate the review process between the two campuses since the funds to support the faculty derive from School budgets by campus. IUB members reviewed nine proposals and awarded seven. IUPUI members reviewed and awarded the two proposals submitted.

Early in the year, the committee decided not to pursue the prior year's recommendation to examine the level and types of support provided for faculty based on campus, academic rank, type of scholarship, and/or affiliation with centers. Notably the committee did not engage in conversations around External Partnership and it is recommended that early meetings next year bring some attention to this component of the committee's role.