Policy Council Committee Report: Research & Development Committee, 2015-16
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Summary: The Research and Development Committee reviewed faculty proposals for the Proffitt Internal Research Grants, Proffitt Summer Fellowships, Creative Paths to Peace Grants, and Research Incentives funds. Faculty also received internal awards for the Start Over Fund and Tilaar Fund. Awards were made based on consistency with the call (e.g. project focus, support of junior faculty or new lines of research, etc.), quality of the proposal, and funds available.

The committee extends thanks to Mary Sue Richardson for administering the application and award process.

An overview of the awards and number of proposals is provided below.

Internal Grant Awards

Proffitt Internal Grants (6 proposals submitted, 3 proposals funded)

- Martha Nyikos (IU-B) -- “Examining Early Dual Language Teaching and Learning: The Impact of the Teach to Learn (TTL) Approach on Enhancing DLI Pedagogy”
- Kathleen King Thorius (IUPUI) – “A Technical Assistance Partnership to Mediate Favorable Literacy Outcomes for Students with Disabilities”
- Craig Willey (IUPUI) and Paula Magee (IUPUI) – “Building a Coalition of Urban Teacher-Researchers: Science-Mathematics Mentorship and Action Research for Teaching (SMMART)”

Proffitt Summer Faculty Fellowship (3 applications submitted, 3 applications funded)

- Janet Decker (IU-B) – “Measuring the Special Education Legal Literacy of Pre-Service Teachers, Teachers, Administrators, and Attorneys”
- Carmen Medina (IU-B) – “Youth Critical Literacies and Pedagogies of Public Spaces: Analyzing the Pedagogies, Critical Discourses, Texts and Social Actions in Youth Public Performances in Puerto Rico”

Creative Paths to Peace Grants (4 proposals submitted, 1 proposal funded)
• James Damico (IU-B) – “From Buenos Aires to Bloomington: Literacy, History, Art and Cultivating Peace Across Time and Space”

Start Over Fund

• Stephanie Carter (IU-B)
• James Damico (IU-B)
• Barbara Dennis (IU-B)

Tilaar Fund (1 proposal submitted, 1 proposal funded)

• Jennifer Goodlander (IU-B) Women, Puppets, and ASEAN: Empowering Women and Girls through Art and Performance