To: Chancellors and Provosts

From: Ray Cross, President UW System

Date: October 9, 2015

Subject: Regent Scholar Grant Program

Attached is the RFP for the Regent Scholar Grant program. This program was initially endorsed by the UW System Board of Regents Research, Economic Development and Innovation Committee in 2014, and we are providing funding to continue the program again this year.

The Regent Scholar Grant program is open to all UW System campuses and will provide three awards of up to $50,000 each. Again this year, Regent Scholar Grants will be available for faculty, undergraduate students and other collaborative partners, supporting entrepreneurial ideas and innovative projects, with the following goals in mind:

1. Providing summer funding support for faculty to engage in research and other scholarly activities;
2. Promoting stellar research experiences for undergraduate students, thus preparing a high-quality workforce;
3. Stimulating research primarily across UW System four-year and two-year campuses, ultimately driving regional economic development; and
4. Recognizing research and scholarly activity (URSCA) at the UW System Board of Regents level.

Grants will be awarded competitively, based on recommendations by a selection committee made up of both public and private-sector experts. Please be aware that each grant application should indicate that plans will go through the IRB or IACUC approval process as appropriate. Awardees will be recognized by the UW System Board of Regents as “Regent Scholars.”

It is expected that Regent Scholars will work with the UW System Administration to document the education, economic, and workforce outcomes of the Regent Scholar Grant Program over time, including supplying data to capture:

- The impact of undergraduate research experiences on student learning, workforce readiness, preparation, and professional success, including, if appropriate, postgraduate placement and success;
• Expansion of research activities and scholarship outputs;

• Economic development contributions to the State of Wisconsin.

We will be reporting to the Board of Regents on the benefits and outcomes of these projects and ask that applications be as specific as possible on the impact such efforts will have on student success.

Applications for the Regent Scholar Grant Program are due by the end of the day on November 13, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Gillean Kitchen (gkitchen@uwsa.edu) or Bob Jokisch (bjokisch@uwsa.edu).

Attachments

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