Research Development and Internal Funding

The OVPR offers financial support to promote research and scholarly efforts of Baylor faculty across all academic units.

**Research Grants**

- **Collaborative Faculty Research Investment Program** - promotes collaborative projects involving Baylor University faculty and colleagues from Baylor Scott & White and Baylor College of Medicine. Proposals are externally peer-reviewed.

- **Faculty Research Investment Program** - designed to leverage internal funding by providing seed money to establish or re-direct research programs to make faculty more competitive for external funding. Proposals are externally peer-reviewed.

- **Young Investigator Development Program** - designed to leverage internal funding by enhancing the ability of newly-appointed faculty (within their first four years of appointment) to compete successfully for external research funds. Proposals are externally peer-reviewed.

- **Arts and Humanities Faculty Research Program** - designed to stimulate research and scholarship in the arts, humanities and education. Formerly accepted continuously, AHFRP proposals will be accepted once per semester beginning in spring 2015.

**Internal Grant Application Deadlines:**

- Fall URC: October 22, 2014
- CFRIP: January 22, 2015

**University Research Committee Small and Mid-Range Grant Programs** - distribute funds to support projects and programs promoting faculty research and scholarship and strengthening efforts to secure external funding. Proposals are peer-reviewed by the URC committee.

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Research Development Support

**Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement (URSA) Small Grant Program** - expands opportunities for research participation by undergraduate students by fostering active faculty/student collaborative learning relationships.

**Dr. Benjamin F. Brown IV Fund for Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Scholarship (Brown Fund)** - up to $5,000 in funding for curriculum development and research projects on issues of global significance. Open to full-time faculty members with three or more years of full-time service at Baylor.

**Faculty Travel Assistance Grant Program** - matching funds to help defray the cost of travel to promote or support the development of new or expanded research programs at Baylor. Tenured/tenure-track faculty and funded principal investigators are eligible to apply.

**Principal Investigator Research Investment Program** - limited support (up to $10K) to address specific issues in critiques of major (> $100K) external proposals.

**Internet2 Discovery Grant Program** - seed grants to encourage faculty to utilize the capabilities of Internet2, the leading-edge network access to the national research community, enabling revolutionary internet applications and ensuring the rapid transfer of network services and applications.

**VPR Colloquium Support** - funding and logistical support to help bring major national and international speakers to campus. In most cases, program provides travel funding and an honorarium.

**Conference Support Program** - seed money and logistical support to bring major regional, national or international conferences to Baylor.

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Program** - competitively awarded 12-month postdoctoral research fellowships for Ph.D. granting departments. Initial appointments are funded for one year, with a second year extension allowed for successful fellows.

**Research Equipment Acquisition Program (REAP)** - designed to enhance the ability of faculty to retire and replace research equipment necessary to sustain an established research program. Awards may be to an individual researcher or group of researchers to support efforts to garner external funding, promote multidisciplinary research/creative activities and stimulate research development.

**University Sabbatical Program** – Summer sabbaticals are available for full-time faculty members and lecturers. Acceptable projects must improve professional competence related to courses one teaches or will teach; include work on a scholarly or creative project; and/or be used to develop materials to be used in a course that is being taught or course that will be taught.

Research Project Manager: Blake Thomas, 254-710-3153

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**Office of Sponsored Programs**

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is the central point of coordination for grants, contracts and other agreements from government agencies, private industry and nonprofit sponsors.

Each academic unit has a designated OSP coordinator who assists faculty in the acquisition, performance and administration of projects and programs funded from sources outside the university. Coordinators are assigned by academic unit rather than by funding agency to facilitate a close working relationship with faculty and research staff. Click here for coordinator assignments and contact information.

**Pre-Award Services** - interpretation of sponsor guidelines; determination of eligibility; budget preparation; assistance with proposal preparation; institutional approvals; proposal submission.

**Award Acceptance** - negotiation of terms and conditions; account set-up; review of sponsor requirements and any special terms and conditions with individual investigators.

**Post-Award Services** - coordination with PIs and with Baylor financial service units to monitor financial transactions and meet sponsor reporting requirements; invoicing grant and contract accounts; approval of project modifications (e.g., re-budgeting, project extensions, changes in project scope or key personnel); project closeout.

OSP Director: Lisa McKethan, 254-710-8905

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**New OMB Uniform Grant Guidelines Beginning December 26, 2014**

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has published new guidance for federal awards.

This new “Super Circular” consolidates eight grant circulars into a single document that creates uniform requirements for all federal awards. Planned changes include procurement thresholds, travel details, 90 day mandated close out, and subaward template requirements.

The implementation date of the new guidelines is December 26th, 2014, but changes are not yet completed.

Once finalized, OSP and Grants Accounting will provide details and training on the new guidelines.

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**Keep up with the OVPR**

Read our blog and follow us on social media

**Research Tracks blog** - updated regularly with funding opportunities, faculty highlights and Baylor research news.

Twitter: @BaylorOVPR  Facebook: Baylor OVPR
**Compliance Oversight**

The OVPR monitors all university research activity to ensure that it is conducted in accordance with federal, state, local and institutional policies and guidelines.

Compliance responsibilities include: management and administration of federally-mandated research review committees and compliance responsibilities; implementation and monitoring of federal and institutional research policies, procedures, and guidelines; coordination with other university offices when compliance implications of research activities necessitate additional institutional review; and guidance to researchers for the responsible and ethical conduct of research.

**Research Compliance Committees**

**Institutional Review Board (IRB)** - responsible for the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research activities conducted at or supported by Baylor.
IRB Chair: **Dr. David Schlueter**, 254-710-6920

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** - responsible for the oversight and evaluation of the university's animal care and use program to ensure consistency with federal regulations and policies.
IACUC Chair: **Dr. Rick Duhrkopf**, 254-710-2082

**Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)** - responsible for regulating research involving recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules and research using pathogenic microbes.
IBC Chair: **Dr. Chris Kearney**, 254-710-2131

**OVPR is the central point of contact for our committees & research questions.**

**Deborah Holland**, AVPR, Director of Compliance, 254-710-1438
**Deb Penney**, Administrative Associate, 254-710-3708

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**Intellectual Property & Technology Transfer**

The OVPR manages the process of identifying innovative discoveries, securing appropriate legal protections, and negotiating licensing agreements with industry.

**How it Works:**

The office retains the services of **TreMonti Consulting, LLC** to assist with management of intellectual property portfolios and technology commercialization. OVPR and TreMonti work together to assess the potential impact of inventions, analyze the market for new innovations, and effectively license technologies to interested companies.

**Nondisclosure Agreements; Material Transfer Agreements; Collaborative / Sponsored Research Agreements**

OSP staff prepare and negotiate nondisclosure agreements, material transfer agreements and collaborative or sponsored research agreements on behalf of faculty.

For more information on technology transfer or to begin the disclosure process for a new invention, contact **Jim Kephart** at 254-710-1690 or **Donna Haberman**, administrative associate, at 254-710-7594.

For more information on NDAs, MTAs or Research Agreements, contact **Lisa McKethan** at 254-710-8905.

**Technology Transfer Stages**

- **Discovery**
- **Disclosure**
- **Assessment**
- **Commercialization Strategy**
- **Post-Commercialization Management**

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**Electronic Funding Database & Alert Service**

The OVPR subscribes to the COS Pivot database of funding opportunities and faculty profiles.

All Baylor faculty are invited to use the database to search for funding, find potential collaborators, and set up custom email alerts for newly listed opportunities.

**To get started,** visit the COS Pivot website and click “Sign Up” in the top-right corner.

COS Liaison: **Blake Thomas**, 254-710-3153
Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement (URSA)

URSA promotes expanded opportunities for undergraduate participation in research and other creative activities.

URSA offers guidance for faculty mentors and for student researchers, and sponsors on-campus research presentation events for undergraduates. URSA encourages synergy between faculty scholarship and undergraduate educational experiences for all fields including science, humanities, arts and the professions.

URSA Programs and Services

**URSA Scholars Week** - URSA and individual schools and colleges offer multiple opportunities for undergraduates to present their research. URSA organizes platform and poster presentation sessions for students from all disciplines, and publishes a program and book of abstracts.

**URSA Small Grant Program** - URSA supervises a grants program to fund undergraduate research projects under the supervision of faculty mentors. The maximum annual grant is $5,000.

**Related Programs**

*The Pulse* is an undergraduate research journal published by the Baylor Honors College, under a student editorial board. The Honors College sponsors Honors Week and posts thesis abstracts on their website. Academic departments across campus offer research related courses including FYS, FAS, capstones and individual research options.

Visit the URSA website for more information.

Central Texas Technology & Research Park (CTTRP)

The Baylor Research Innovation and Collaborative (BRIC), the first building of the CTTRP, is now home to 160 researchers and support staff. Seven research organizations now occupy the BRIC including industry partner, the L-3 Communications research unit. During FY 2014, over 5,500 civic, business, education and government leaders received guided tours of the BRIC. Additionally, BRIC was host to 245 separate events.

Visit the BRIC website for more information.

Mark Your Calendar!

**What:**

5th Annual OVPR Proposal Development Workshop

**When:**

January 8-9, 2015

**About the Workshop:**

Just prior to the beginning of the spring 2015 semester, the OVPR will sponsor its fifth annual Proposal Development Workshop. The workshop is designed to help faculty in all academic areas become more effective grant writers. No matter your level of grant-writing experience, you’ll learn techniques and strategies to help you more successfully compete for funding from a variety of sources.

Our presenter will be Dr. Peg AtKisson of Grant Writers’ Seminars & Workshops (GWSW). Dr. AtKisson is a neuroscientist by training, and she has years of experience successfully competing for funding and working in proposal development at major universities.

[Click here](#) to visit the GWSW website and learn more about Dr. AtKisson.

Watch for more announcements in the coming months!