The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) supports TWU’s Proposal Development and Submission Incentive Program to provide incentives to principal investigators (PIs) for the development and submission of proposals for external funding.

Program Funding

This program is funded through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and may be discontinued at any time. The incentive will be provided in the form of a task payment based on the requested amount in the external proposal as follows:

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The incentive may be split between multiple PIs when working on one proposal. The initial prorated amount for each investigator will be estimated based on the effort devoted to the project (% FTE) by each investigator but may be modified based on input from the investigators writing the proposal.

Upon submission of a qualifying external grant application, the task payment(s) will be processed. Partial payments will not be made. The incentive will only be processed when the proposal is successfully submitted.

Eligibility

The PI must be a regular salaried TWU employee at the time of proposal submission and at the time of incentive award, and is generally a full-time faculty member. A request for exception to this requirement must be made to the Vice Provost for Research, Innovation, and Corporate Engagement. Qualifying external grant applications are:

- New research proposals requesting more than $50,000;
- New non-research proposals requesting more than $50,000 and which include indirect costs even if at a reduced rate.
Revised applications meeting the above criteria may be considered for a prorated amount based on the size of the application and the extent of revisions needed. When needed, the Vice Provost for Research, Innovation, and Corporate Engagement will make the determination regarding eligibility of an application taking into consideration the scientific/scholarly/creative merit of the application, evidence of appropriate preparation and planning, the financial outcome of the proposal such as size of request, the funding agency, amount of indirect costs allowed, length of project, etc., and amount of revision needed in the case of revised applications.

**Application and Submission Instructions**

No application is necessary for this incentive. At the time of proposal submission, ORSP will determine incentive eligibility and communicate with faculty regarding any prorating of the incentive if more than one PI is involved.

**Notifications**

Notifications regarding the incentive award will be made within two to three weeks of the external proposal submission. Staff in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will work with the faculty to provide administrative support for the successful submission of the external proposal and will then process the task payments.

**Expected Outcomes and Reporting Requirements**

Recipients of this incentive have submitted an eligible proposal for external funding and there are no further outcome or reporting requirements.