

Mid-Career Summer Research & Creative Activities Program (MCSRSP)

College of Fine Arts (CoFA)

Purpose: Funding is to support selected faculty at the rank of Associate Professor (tenured or professor of professional practice) for the purpose of advancing their research, creative projects, and scholarship toward promotion to full professor.

Eligibility: Open to Associate Professors holding a full-time position within CoFA. Priority will be given to:

- faculty with less than six years in the rank of Associate Professor at TCU;
- those not already receiving University/College summer funding (NOT including summer school teaching salary). Those receiving summer salary support from an external grant and/or contract remain eligible to apply for MCSRSP support as long as they are not already compensated for 100% of time;
- first time applicants, although faculty may apply for a second MCSRSP grant.

Award: Four \$5,000 summer stipends will be awarded annually. (Note that the 8% FICA contribution and taxes will be withheld.) No funding will be paid for retirement benefits. Successful applicants will also be eligible to teach in no more than one regular summer school session contingent upon departmental need and the availability of funding for summer school classes.

Application: Proposals are to be submitted by the first Monday of April to the Dean's Office electronically (t.rohrer@tcu.edu). A full proposal is required from each applicant and shall include a completed grants cover sheet and an updated CV TCU format. The proposal (three to five pages double spaced) should address the following:

- One paragraph abstract of the project and its significance
- Description of the project, including how the project will enhance the individual's research/creative practice, and how the project will contribute to advancing the applicant's discipline
- Brief Environmental scan/literature review that provides the reader with the current state of the relevant field and how the proposed project relates
- Scope of work and timeline (what activities will be completed, and when, during the grant-funded period)
- Project goals,
- Justification of funds (explain how the stipend will advance the project or what project-related expenses will be funded through the stipend), and
- Anticipated Results.

Evaluation: The proposals will be peer-reviewed by CoFA faculty. Proposals will be selected based on the overall merit of the project, as determined by the evaluation committee. Faculty are

encouraged to submit a RCAF proposal to complement their summer salary request which could provide funding for travel, supplies, or other items in support of the project.

Reporting: A final project report is due in Dean's office no later than the end of October, following the summer in which the stipend was awarded. The report should describe how the project time was spent and the accomplishments that resulted. It is recommended that faculty share their report with the appropriate department/school chair/director.