

Mid-Career Summer Research and Creative Activities Program (MCSRPA) College of Fine Arts (CFA)

Purpose: Summer funding to provide support to selected faculty seeking to advance their research, creative projects, and/or scholarship toward promotion to full professor.

Eligibility: CFA faculty at the rank of Associate Professor (tenured or professor of professional practice) who have not previously been awarded a MCSRPA grant.

Award: Funding as either a stipend of \$5000 or a reimbursement for expenses up to \$5000 incurred as part of the project.

- Awards taken as a stipend will have taxes withheld and will be recorded on a summer paycheck. Applicants taking the award as a stipend are eligible to teach no more than one regular summer school session contingent upon departmental need and the availability of funds for summer school classes.
- Awards taken as a reimbursement will go through normal TCU reimbursement procedures. Reimbursable expenses can only be incurred after June 1.
- Faculty are encouraged to submit a TCU RCAF proposal to complement their MCSRPA requests.

Applications must include:

- College of Fine Arts Grants Cover Sheet
- Project proposal (3-5 pages double-spaced) to include:
 - 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)
 - Project goals and anticipated results
 - Budget justification, only for those seeking awards through reimbursement (explain why these expenses are necessary to conduct the project)
- Itemized Budget (for those seeking awards through reimbursement of expenses)
- Updated CV in TCU format

Application Submission: Applications must be compiled as a single pdf and emailed to the Dean's Office (t.rohrer@tcu.edu) by the first Monday of April.

Evaluation: Proposals will be peer-reviewed by CFA faculty. Proposals will be selected based on the overall merit of the project as determined by the evaluation committee.

Requirements:

- A final project report must be sent to the Dean's Office and the appropriate department/school chair/director 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.
- For awards taken as a reimbursement, all expenses and reimbursement forms must be submitted by the last Monday in August.
- Any changes to the approved budget or scope of the project must be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty development and approved.
- Applicants may only apply to one CFA grant category in any given academic year (with the exception of the Programming Grants).