

FPA Research Acceleration Awards

In our on-going efforts to promote a research-intensive environment and reinforce a culture of research excellence, we are introducing the FPA Research Acceleration Awards. These awards are designed to assist faculty with the challenge of refocusing on their research after having taken on an administrative role within their unit. Associate Chairs, Graduate Supervisors, Undergraduate Supervisors, and those holding equivalent positions will be eligible to apply for these awards once they have completed at least three years of service in such a position. This project is co-funded by OVPRI and FPA. Each recipient will receive a one-time research grant of \$10,000 that may be used in part to obtain a 0.5 credit reduction in teaching responsibilities, at the agreement of their Chair or Director. This is a five-year pilot project which will be evaluated at the end of this time period.

Eligibility:

- a. Must hold a full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty appointment.
- b. Must have completed a minimum of three consecutive years of service as Associate Chair, Graduate Supervisor, Undergraduate Supervisor, or in an equivalent position, directly preceding taking up the award.
- c. Must be in place in that position at the time of application.
- d. Must not hold an endowed or other chair (e.g., CRC) or any administrative position at Carleton for at least one year after receiving the award.

Expectations:

Within two years of receiving the funds, the recipient must apply for a research grant/contract that may be non-Tri-Council but cannot be intended primarily to organize a scholarly event (such as SSHRC Connections grants, etc.).

Application Process:

- a. The application, submitted directly to the Associate Dean, Research and International, Faculty of Public Affairs, will include a CV, and a three-page research plan (including an identification of the grant program and the external granting agency to which the recipient intends to apply).
- b. Applications will be due in April each year. Successful applicants will receive the funds in July.

Adjudication Process:

The FPA Research Committee will review all of the proposals and recommend successful applications to the Dean for approval. There will be no annual limits of the number of awards available. The Committee will provide feedback to all applicants.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants are expected to submit a well thought out research proposal. The FPA Research Committee will consider and provide applicants with feedback in three areas: the quality of the proposed research, the feasibility of the project, and the applicant's record of research achievement (especially prior to taking on administrative responsibilities).