

The Research Acceleration Fund invigorates scholarly productivity with smaller grants to pursue new research or to complete ongoing projects that can lead to further funding. **The Research Acceleration Fellowship** provides a course release to enable faculty to initiate large new projects.

In alignment with our status as an R1 research university and a member of the AAU, the College offers two annual programs designed to accelerate the scholarly productivity of tenured Associate Professors and Professors across the disciplines. Applications are reviewed beginning August 15, on a rolling basis, until all funds and fellowships are awarded. Recipients must submit a brief report on the work accomplished within three months of the award period end.

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A small investment may provide a big step towards completion of ongoing projects or development of new projects that enhance competitiveness for extramural grants and prestigious fellowships. Budget considerations permitting, the College will provide up to four Research Acceleration Fund awards annually, each up to \$10,000. The award period is typically 12-24 months. Departments with discretionary funds are expected to contribute or supplement these awards when necessary. Examples of eligible expenses for these awards include but are not limited to the purchase of consumables or equipment, travel for off-site field work, and travel to archives or special user facilities. Funds cannot be used to support faculty salaries nor can they be combined with other sources of funding.

Priority will be given to individuals whose scholarship for these activities has been delayed due to lack of funding or those considering a change of research focus toward a new direction or area. Faculty may not receive Research Acceleration Fund awards in consecutive years.

Use of funds

Required application materials must include a cover letter detailing the activity to be funded and explaining its importance for the faculty member's career trajectory, proposed budget, and CV.

Research Acceleration Fellowships

A reduction in teaching responsibilities may spur research or writing on a large, new project, such as a monograph, set of articles, or major external grant application. The College will give a limited number of Research Acceleration Fellowships annually that provide faculty with a one-course teaching reduction, as needed, to be taken in consultation with their department chair. This Fellowship is open to all Associate Professors and Professors.

Faculty may not receive Research Acceleration Fellowship awards in consecutive years, and the course reduction(s) may not be combined with other course releases or reductions.

Required application materials must include a cover letter detailing the activity to be supported through the course release and explaining its importance for the faculty member's career trajectory and CV.