Call for proposals

ETSU faculty research cohort

Are you interested in enhancing your research skills? Becoming part of a research community of practice? Gaining access to institutional data in order to answer research questions related to ETSU’s mission?

The ETSU Faculty Research Cohort is being launched for the 2020-2021 academic year in partnership with the Office of Planning and Decision Support, the Provost’s Office, and the Applied Social Research Laboratory.

The goal of this new microgrant program is to develop a research community to support faculty research design, knowledge, skills and abilities. It will support up to six ETSU faculty in designing and implementing systematic, rigorous research investigations.

The program will:

- Provide opportunities for professional growth in scholarship and research skills
- Encourage use of existing institutional data to explore questions relevant to the ETSU mission and strategic agenda
- Promote collegiality and development of a scholarly community on campus
- Provide opportunities for experiential learning for undergraduate and graduate student researchers

Awardees will be provided:

- Financial and/or in-kind support for study implementation (e.g. incentives for participant recruitment, data collection tools, data analysis methods, and/or reporting of results). Specific support will be determined in consultation with the awardee and the program leaders. Financial commitments will not exceed $1,000.
- Membership in a community of faculty peers with a shared interest in improving their research skills including networking opportunities and workshops and/or presentations on topics as identified by the cohort members (e.g. IRB process, research design methods, skills training and support)
- Access to institutional datasets
- Access to research training, skills development, research support (e.g. research design workshops, survey design, qualitative data analysis software training)

Eligibility and selection criteria

All research or tenure-track faculty at ETSU are eligible, with preference given to pre-tenure faculty.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Potential for success including focused and attainable research objectives; clear description of proposed methodology; expected outcomes of research; potential for publication and presentation
- Preference given to applicants with a plan to integrate undergraduate or graduate students into the research process as collaborators
- Feasibility of the project design and timeline
- Demonstrated need for research development and support
Responsibilities of Cohort Members

Awardees will be required to attend a planning meeting early in the fall semester during which the structure of the academic year will be decided as a group (e.g. luncheons, workshops, etc.)

The cohort will reconvene at the end of the spring 2021 semester to report on the status of their research projects and explore ways to disseminate the results of their work.

As part of their appointment, this first cohort will report on the results of their research studies at a September 2021 event in conjunction with the launch of the second cohort.

Recipients are encouraged to submit proposals to scholarly conferences, pursue publication of their work in peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and share reflections of their work with colleagues and the broader university community.

Timeline:

- Deadline for applying is July 15, 2020
- Cohort members will be named by August, 2020
- Projects to begin September, 2020 and findings will be presented in September, 2021

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Questions?

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To apply: Please submit a cover sheet and proposal narrative (see below) as a single PDF and submit to paulust@etsu.edu.
### Cover sheet

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### Proposal narrative

1. Statement of interest in the program in terms of professional goals (no more than 1 page)
2. A description of the proposed project (no more than 5 pages), including:
   1. Title
   2. Statement of research problem and purpose of the study
   3. Research questions
   4. Research design and methods (e.g. participants, context of the study, data collection, data analysis)
   5. Intended outcomes, significance, and impact
   6. Dissemination plan (intended presentation and publication outlets)
3. Description of any collaborators including their departmental home and their role in the study. This includes undergraduate and graduate student members of the study team
4. Statement of anticipated needs for skills training and/or research support. This may include research design workshops; support with specific data collection or analysis materials, methods and/or technologies; incentives or assistance with participant recruitment; or other research support needs
5. Project timeline (September 2020-September 2021)
6. A five page CV