

# TCU Invests in Scholarship (TCU IS)

TCU IS is an internal grant program to stimulate research or creative activities that represent identified opportunities for significant external funding and recognition. Currently, grants range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 or up to \$30,000 for a Dallas-Fort Worth FSRDC (Federal Statistical Research Data Center) proposal.

Grants are awarded for proposals primarily to accomplish at least one of the following:

1. Move current projects to competitive proposals for significant external funding.
  1. Must have submitted proposals(s) recently.
  2. Proposal must address deficiencies mentioned in critiques of major (greater than \$100,000) proposals.
2. Promote competitive interdisciplinary proposals.
  1. At least 50% of proposal Principal Investigators must have proven records of scholarship.
  2. External proposals submitted is a plus.
  3. Must include specific target of opportunity for external funding.
3. Promote pure research and creative work.
  1. Must include significant opportunity to build institutional reputation.
  2. May include significant student opportunity at undergraduate or graduate level.
4. Promote research which utilizes one of the data sets available through the Dallas-Fort Worth FSRDC
  1. Proposal must include a timeline for submission of the project through the FSRDC as part of the proposed research.
  2. Period of performance of proposals utilizing the FSRDC may have up to 24 months for completion of project and may request a budget of up to \$30,000.

Information about the FSRDC and the types of data available can be found at the following website: <https://www.census.gov/about/adrm/fsrdc/locations/dfw.html>

All those who hold a full-time faculty appointment at TCU are eligible Principal Investigators (PIs). Visiting and adjunct faculty are not eligible. PIs from outside TCU are not eligible.

The deadline date for proposals for Spring 2019 is May 6, 2019 at 5pm.

**Awards will be made for 15 month periods** unless the proposal is utilizing the FSRDC which can be 24 months – that is, funds must be utilized by the date given in the award letter.

### TCU IS Application Process:

1. Complete application as described below.
2. Prepare budget, following budget guidance below.
3. Update CVs for all PIs and include with proposal.
4. Submit all proposal components via email to [Laurie.Heideman@tcu.edu](mailto:Laurie.Heideman@tcu.edu) by May 6, 2019 at 5pm.

### Budget Guidance -

Budgets may include

- **Postdocs for 9 or 12 month appointments, within one fiscal year.**
- Student researchers.
- Consultants.
- Travel justified to perform the proposed research.

TCU-IS budget is **NOT** intended for

- Faculty or staff pay, including summer.
- Long-term funding for any particular research project.
- Travel for participation in conferences or professional meetings to present research results.

If IT related purchases or equipment is required, submit a quote from Instructional Services or Technology Resources.

PIs with existing start-up funds must include information about how those funds will be put to use for this project and/or why they are not sufficient for what is proposed.

### Application Components -

Note: There is no dictated format, other than the sections and information below. PIs are encouraged to use the format of the external agency they have targeted for later submission.

### ***Opening Section***

For each PI: Name, Department, Highest Degree

Project Title

Project Period - either June 1 to the following August 31 (15-month period) OR June 1 to May 31 of the second year if using the FSRDC (24-month period)

Funding Request (total \$ amount)

Non-technical abstract (200 words or less), suitable for publication with a non-technical readership

Human/animal subjects information (status of protocols reviewed/approved)

Statement of significant potential (Tell how this project has the potential to increase productive scholarship, either as significant external funding or increase institutional reputation for scholarship)

### ***Body of Proposal***

The body of the proposal may follow the format of the funding agency targeted for external funding requests.

### ***Budget***

Include budget details and justification for each category of the request.

PIs are encouraged to submit the budget using the template available on the Sponsored Programs website. Other formats are acceptable.

### ***CV for each PI***

### ***Record of External Funding***

Include submissions and awards for each PI.

Award Requirements:

- TCU IS funding should be acknowledged in any reports or productions resulting from the funded work.
- Approvals from research compliance committees (IRB, IACUC, etc.) must be obtained before awarded funding will be released.
- PIs whose projects receive a TCU IS award must carry out the project as proposed according to the awarded budget. If changes in protocol, objectives, scope, or budget are required, prior approval must be obtained from the Director of Sponsored Programs.

- If external funding for the project begins during the TCU IS project award period, the unspent TCU IS funding covering the same project expenses will be returned to the fund.
- A final report on the project is due to the Director of Sponsored Programs within 60 days of the project completion or expiration of the funding award, whichever comes first.