

**USF Research Council - Faculty Announcement  
2024-2025  
Research Council Internal Awards**

Recent evaluations of the research enterprise at USF have highlighted the critical need to increase support, modernize infrastructure, and improve efficiency of operations. In response to these critical reviews, the USF Research Council has reorganized the USFRI Internal Awards program to enhance growth and productivity throughout the USF research community.

## Grant Types

- A. Conference Planning Grant (CONF) to provide supplemental funding for faculty in their role of planning and implementing national and international conferences to enhance the USF research and creative environment, along with bringing prestige and recognition to USF and the State of Florida. Conferences held locally will receive preference. However, conferences planned at a national or international location are eligible. The applicant must have an integral role in the conference planning process.  
Maximum Budget: \$7,500. Recipients have 12 months from the award date to hold the conference.
- B. Interdisciplinary Center Planning Grants (ICPG) The Interdisciplinary Center Preparation Grants (ICPGs) are designed to incentivize and accelerate nucleation and success of large-scale program-project or center types of grants, as defined in the stated disciplinary area (typically corresponding to grants involving multiple PIs and involving funding amounts that considerably exceed that of a typical single-investigator grant). These grants are designed to incentivize faculty to lead large-scale innovative interdisciplinary efforts that help enhance the excellence of USF research and include faculty from distinct programs/departments. Consequently, ICPGs must target a specific program project or center type funding opportunity and should have quantifiable returns on investment in new grant dollars, increase research productivity, enhance degree programs, and promote attainment of other AAU/state metrics  
Maximum Budget: \$300,000 or 10% of the targeted external grant proposal amount, whichever is less.
- C. Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA) Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA) are intended to enhance research activities and increase competitiveness for external grants. Enhancement can be in the form of small equipment or purchase of software or other items that can be utilized to enhance research productivity. Applicants should demonstrate that there will be multiple users from different colleges and/or regional campuses. The intent of this opportunity is to support equipment purchases that enable collaborative groups of faculty, rather than to provide general core facilities support, for which other funding opportunities are available. These awards are designed to help faculty obtain new external funding. Consequently, MuRCIAs should have quantifiable returns on investment in new grant dollars, increase research productivity, enhance degree programs, and promote attainment of other AAU/state metrics.  
Maximum Budget: \$150,000
- D. New Researcher Grant (NRG) The New Researcher Grants are designed for faculty to develop new research projects who do not have established funding sources (external or college/departmental) this program is for early career faculty who are new to USF. The that will ultimately result in grant funding from external agencies or foundations. This grant will fund pilot, draft, or preliminary studies/projects. It is expected that these results will provide the basis for external grant proposals, as well as publication or exhibition of the results. Prior recipients who fail to obtain funding for an earlier New Research Grant will no longer be eligible to apply for this internal award.  
Maximum Budget: \$20,000 for a 12-month grant period.
- E. Faculty International Travel Grant (FITG) The Faculty International Travel Grant is designed to provide financial support for scholarly and creative presentations by University of South Florida faculty at major professional meetings and conferences outside the USA. 100% of