

Internal grant programs at Lehigh

Common characteristics

All programs

- are **investments** in Lehigh research and Lehigh faculty careers.
- are intended to give rise to **new opportunities** for the people involved and for Lehigh.
- ask applicants to present their work as a **narrative of possibility**.

Narrative of possibility

- What important work do you believe you can do?
- Who, other than you (and people just like you) should care deeply about it?
- What's holding you back?
- How will the investment make a tangible difference?
- What happens when you succeed?

Regular research investment programs

Program	Budget max	Requires collaboration	Goals
FRG	\$ 6,000		Conduct/complete projects; expand scope and impact; lead to new opportunities
FIG	\$ 30,000		Initiate new projects and programs; take existing programs in new directions
CORE	\$ 60,000	✓ (min 2)	Establish and grow productive multi-faculty research programs
Accelerator	\$ 100,000	✓ (min 3)	Build on established strengths and collaborations, accelerate growth in areas of potential national & international prominence.

Who is eligible

Members of the tenure line faculty (tenure track and tenured). Others may have key roles.

Limitations

- The FRG program limits the number of awards in a five-year period.
- Anyone with outstanding obligations such as progress reports from prior internal grants is ineligible.

FRG Program

- Offered Fall and Spring
- Supports **conduct** and **dissemination** of research.
- Emphasis on **expanded scope and impact**, and on opening up **new possibilities**.

Expectation: *enhanced impact, heightened reputations, new possibilities.*

Fast Track FRG

- Provides **quick turn-around** in cases of **fleeting opportunity**
- Fleeting opportunity
 - Could not reasonably have been anticipated in time for the regular FRG submission deadline
 - The next regular FRG submission deadline will be too late

Fund for Publishing

- Abbreviated, rolling submission process for support previously provided by FRG, and some related items:
 - editing, indexing, copyright costs
 - cover art design and production
 - reasonable subvention fees (non-profit presses)
- Does **not** cover open access journal charges or submission and page fees.
- Funds of up to \$2,000 available.

Expectation: enhanced impact, heightened reputations, new possibilities.

FIG Program

- Offered in the Spring
- Supports **initiation** of new projects and programs, and taking existing programs in **new directions**, and solidifying **new collaborations** among Lehigh faculty.
- Emphasis on **new possibilities** that are unlikely to exist without the investment.

Expectation: work of scope and duration well beyond what is supported by the FIG grant.

CORE Program

- Offered in the Spring
- Supports **establishment and growth of multi-faculty research programs.**
- Emphasis on **expanded scope and impact**, and on opening up **new possibilities.**

Expectation: work of scope and duration well beyond what is supported by the CORE grant, for the team and its members.

Accelerator Program

- Offered in the Fall
- Requires identification of a **significant opportunity**: a line of research of rising importance in which Lehigh can establish a leadership position
- Intended to enable a **strong team** to more quickly pursue the opportunity.
 - Minimum of three; PI must have tenure
- Provides **significant flexibility** in use of funds, over a two-year period

Expectation: Advance development of substantial multi-faculty research programs

HOW TO SUCCEED

Tips for success

- Check with me.
- Read the guidelines. If anything is unclear, ask!
- Read the reviewers' instructions.
- Follow the prescribed format and narrative structure carefully.
- Write clear prose.
- **Remember that reviewers are reading across fields.** Limit highly specialized material to what is necessary, and keep it concise.

Ways to fail

- Describe a compelling research question or area, then fail to describe what, specifically, you can do.
- Write a dense, highly technical proposal as you might for your individual disciplinary community. At best, you are taking a big chance.
- For CORE or Accelerator programs,
 - describe a single project that happens to have a large budget.
 - propose a project that's not a truly substantive collaboration and get some colleagues to sign on.

Due dates

- FRG due date – Friday, **October 1**
- Accelerator letter of intent – Friday, **October 15**
- Accelerator proposals – Friday, **October 29**

...at 5:00 PM

Research Futures

- Investments in growing our capacity for outstanding, publicly impactful scholarship, and for growing the research environment as a venue for education at all levels.
- Emphasis on
 - Capacity-building
 - Community-building
 - A generative, collaborative approach

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