

Internal Awards

Competition Schedule 2020-2021

Note: Applications will be available on the USF Internal Awards website the date of the call.

Creative Scholarship Grant and New Researcher Grant	
Call for Proposals	December 4, 2020
Submission Deadline	February 1, 2021
Awards Announced	April 9, 2021
Proposal Enhancement Grant	
Call for Proposals	December 4, 2020
Submission Deadline	February 15, 2021
Awards Announced	April 23, 2021

The grant programs are available to USF System faculty who are tenured, tenure earning, or in a non-tenured (regularly renewable) position that requires independent research.

Applications will be available on the call date and can be located on the USF Research & Innovation [Internal Awards Program](#) website.

Please note the following information.

All applications include mandatory questions which must be fully answered. Applications that are not adequately responsive will not be reviewed.

All proposals submitted will receive an initial administrative review for eligibility and completeness and will be evaluated using a peer review process. Decisions pertaining to funding are final and the Research Council reserves the right to recommend funding at any level up to the maximum.

Grant Types and Timelines

Creative Scholarship Grants (*spring competition only*) – goal is to provide support for programs that will result in research scholarship, creation of new work, exhibition, or performance. It is hoped that these awards will enhance the profile and prestige of the USF System and result in securing external funding.

Maximum Award Amount: \$10,000

Award Period: 12-month

Grant Start: May 1, 2021. Recipients will receive details for account set-up upon award notification.

New Researcher Grants (spring competition only) – designed for early career faculty who are new to the USF System (employment of four years or less) and do not have established funding sources (external or college/departamental). The program's goal is to enable new faculty to launch productive research, scholarship, or artistic expression/performance activities 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.

Maximum Award Amount: \$10,000

Award Period: 12-months

Grant Start: May 1, 2021. Recipients will receive details for account set-up upon initial notification.

Proposal Enhancement Grants (spring competition only) – designed to help faculty develop competitive proposals for resubmission and increase the probability of securing external funding. To strengthen the resubmission proposal to aid an applicant who has received a positive review of his/her grant application and is very close to the pay line but is not yet in a fundable range.

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000

Award Period: 12-months

Grant Start: May 1, 2021. Recipients will receive details for account set-up upon initial notification.

The Internal Awards Program: the mission of the Internal Awards Program is to foster excellence in research and scholarship by USF System faculty and support activities aimed at securing extramural funding. In the allocation of funds across program categories, the highest priority is given to initiatives aimed at funding activities likely to enable leveraging for additional extramural funding and to initiatives aimed at scholarly activities for which availability of extramural funding is extremely limited.

Questions regarding the forms or procedures should be directed to Melody Spencer, Sponsored Research, rsch-internal-awards-program@usf.edu