

CRC Meeting 2

Date: Monday, June 7, 2021

Present: Associate Professor Aguasaco, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, Assistant Professor Crull, Dean Koch, CRC Chair Kretzschmar, Associate Dean Lima, Dean Perkins, Dean Rich, Professor Silber, Professor Stylianou, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten, College Assistant May Braverman

Agenda:

- 1) Finalization of CUNY GRTI funding distribution
- 2) Discussion of ideas to increase compliance with responsible conduct research (RCR) for graduate and undergraduate students involved in research as well as faculty involved in unsponsored research

Background:

- CRC Chair Kretzschmar provided background on how and why the CRC was initially created from a Faculty Senate resolution. The CRC currently includes deans from each department as well as 5 faculty members appointed by the Provost.
- The goal of the CRC is to provide feedback to administrators regarding research at CCNY.
- The CRC is currently an advisory body, and there was some discussion over expanding its role in the future.

1) Finalization of CUNY GRTI funding distribution

The recommended distribution of the funds is detailed below. Humanities and Arts and the School of Education have been allocated the minimum amount of \$5000 each.

School/Division	FY20 Res Expenditure Percentage	Distribution
CPS	4%	\$ 29,400
CSOM	10%	\$ 72,000
DOS	30%	\$ 223,000
GSOE	55%	\$ 405,000
HA	0.13%	\$ 5,000
SOED	0.25%	\$ 5,000
GRAND TOTAL	100.00%	\$ 739,400

Associate Dean Wesson presented a breakdown of the GRTI funding proposal.

- The funding was proportioned based on research expenditures from FY20.
- Departments with smaller allotments or those that require more funding could potentially receive more and can put forth proposals with more than is designated. Historically, additional funds have become available to CCNY after the initial GRTI funds

are spent and Departments with smaller or no GRTI allocations will be considered at that point based on additional proposals that have been put forward.

- There was discussion about inclusion of non-STEM/non-traditional research in funding. It was also suggested that departments collaborate to identify equipment purchases that could be used by more than one PI or department.
- Associate Dean Wesson shared a breakdown of items funded by GRTI last cycle.

Procedure for submitting faculty GRTI proposals:

- **Deadline:** July 31, 2021
- Faculty must read “What you Can and Cannot Purchase with GRTI funds,” before submitting proposals
- Applicants must complete and return the **Excel GRTI Round 23 Equipment List Template** listing each item requested. Also include three to four pages of **Project Documentation**. See attached **Project Documentation Template** for additional details.
- Please return all completed documentation to the Office of Research (rwesson@ccny.cuny.edu cc to ashih@ccny.cuny.edu). The Office of Research will compile and submit all GRTI requests to the appropriate personnel.”

CRC Recommendation: The members of the CRC have decided by a majority to approve the proposed distribution and the allocation of additional GRTI funds (if received).

2) Discussion of ideas to increase compliance with responsible conduct research (RCR) for graduate and undergraduate students involved in research as well as faculty involved in unsponsored research

Background:

- RCR training consists of 2-3 hours of lectures on general research principles and practices. It must be refreshed every 4 years.
- <https://www.cuny.edu/research/research-compliance/research-integrity/responsible-conduct-of-research-rcr/>
- For faculty conducting sponsored research, the compliance rate is high.
- The goal is to increase training compliance among faculty who are conducting non-sponsored research, as well as graduate and undergraduate students involved in research.
- There was general discussion of methods to incentivize greater participation in RCR training.
 - o Suggestions included: relying on hierarchical monitoring, providing clear rationale for training, providing clear instructions on who requires training and how to access it, emphasizing the liability/legal consequences of non-compliance.
 - o Several CRC members felt strongly that RCR training is a necessity as it protects the university’s research endeavor
- Discussion on this topic will continue in the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

- Continued discussion of ideas to increase compliance with responsible conduct research (RCR) for graduate and undergraduate students involved in research as well as faculty involved in unsponsored research.
- Developing the role of the CRC to encompass vetting and coordinating efforts across divisions with similar goals.