

CSM SPRING 2023 RESEARCH AWA (RAWA)

Faculty members in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are invited to apply for the research AWAs that are available for the Spring 2023 semester.

Important Dates

Submission deadline: Monday, November 28, 2022 at 11:59 pm

Award notifications will be emailed the week of December 12, 2022.

Purpose

The purpose of the research AWA is to support and encourage faculty scholarly research by the College of the Sciences and Mathematics faculty. The maximum award is three credits AWA.

Eligibility

Tenured or tenure-track regular faculty members with an appointment in the College of the Sciences and Mathematics are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to proposals where student involvement is clearly demonstrated in the scholarly activity. **Faculty receiving research AWAs from any unit within WCU for the 22-23 academic year are not eligible to apply for RAWA for the Spring 2023 semester.**

Awards made through this RFP are for the Spring 2023 semester only. Faculty receiving these AWAs cannot use them for overload purposes.

Scope

Research AWAs are awarded from discretionary AWAs available to the Dean of the College of the Sciences and Mathematics.

Application Guidelines

All applications must be submitted via InfoReady. A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant and their chair after the submission has been received. Email submissions will not be accepted.

The RAWA award provides an opportunity for faculty to devote time to further their scholarly activities. The RAWA award is a scholarly product that carries merit in the teacher-scholar models of many departments and by tenure and promotion committees. Therefore, the quality of the application is expected to be commensurate with professional and academic standards. The application for a RAWA award must consist of the following materials:

1. **Narrative Description.** A maximum of 3 pages, single-spaced, 0.75 inch margin, 12-pt font. As a cover sheet is no longer required, please include the project title and applicant's name on the first page of the proposal, ideally in the header. A narrative description of the proposed project that contains the components listed below must be provided. The parts of the proposal should be labeled, using the topics below as section headings. The evaluation of the proposal will be based, in part, on how the narrative description addresses these topics:
 - **Purpose and Significance.** Address the intellectual merit and the scholarly importance of the proposed project. Describe the research question to be answered or the scope and purpose of the creative work. Describe how the research will add to the body of scholarship in the discipline. If applicable, a review of the relevant literature with appropriate references to the most recent literature should be included. Use language that can be understood by a colleague who is not an expert in the discipline.
 - **Recent Accomplishments.** Provide a general description of scholarly output over the last three years. New faculty members applying for RAWA can add the accomplishments from their past research experience if they have not been at WCU for three years.
 - **Dissemination of Results.** Describe how the results of the project will be disseminated to the campus, scholarly, and/or creative community. Describe papers, presentations, books, and other scholarly products that are anticipated as a result of the work. Describe the likelihood of completion of these scholarly products and any anticipated obstacles to their completion.
 - **Outcomes and Deliverables.** Describe the scholarly growth and development anticipated for the RAWA applicant in Spring 2023. Describe other scholarly opportunities that might become available to the applicant following the completion of this project. If applicable, describe anticipated educational outcomes for students involved in the project. If applicable, describe how other sources of funding might be identified for a subsequent project or continuation of the project, such as grant proposals to be submitted or partnerships to be developed.
2. **Résumé.** 2 pages. Please include relevant qualifications, experience, publications, and applicable research grants.

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