GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH START-UP FUNDS

Available for new faculty members in a Tenure or Probationary Tenure-Track position (Contingent, Term or Lecturer positions are ineligible for VPRI matching support)

Intent is to start a successful program of research (in its broadest sense, i.e., to include scholarly works and creative activities) and its research related expenses effectively.

Research start-up funds are effective for five (5) years from the new faculty member’s Letter of Offer start date.

- Researchers must ensure there are no commitments beyond the end date of their startup.
- Any remaining balances automatically goes back to the Faculty and the Office of the VP (Research & International) to support other research initiatives.
- Extensions granted are only due to maternity, parental, medical or family medical leaves.

General rules of eligible expenses follow the applicable Tri-Agency guidelines to conduct responsible research activities.

Some examples include:
- Costs associated with setting up a lab
- Purchase research equipment
- Hire a research assistant(s), research associate(s), graduate student(s), post-doctoral fellow(s)
- Pay research assistance to students using the Scholarship, Fellowship & Bursary Form under the category Research Grant for Research Purposes
- Invite Visiting Researcher(s) to develop research collaborations
- Attend conferences related to research
- Visiting other research laboratories/sites to develop collaborations
- Computer equipment required for specific research activities including dual use items (e.g., camera), if justified.

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