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

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