

Boonshoft School of Medicine Translational Research Grants

The Associate Dean for Research Affairs has made a change to the design of the awards available from the Office of Research Affairs. This was the first year that all grant proposals from faculty are required to be translational in nature. The process for submitting, reviewing, and awarding translational grant proposals was developed and tested during this first year. Submissions start with a letter of intent from the principal investigator and are reviewed by a Research Resource Committee, which combines the Boonshoft School of Medicine Research Committee with participation from the Vice President for Research.

Submissions to date represented seven departments. Letters of Intent were received from the following departments:

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (1)
- Community Health (1)
- Internal Medicine (1)
- Neurology (1)
- Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology (2)
- Pharmacology and Toxicology (1)
- Surgery (1)

Of these letters of intent, four were selected to submit full proposals to the committee for evaluation. We are still in the process of assessing these submissions and determining the best suited for funding from the translational grant perspective. Members from the Research Committee have been selected to participate in the review process and some internal and external experts have been added as ad hoc reviewers to facilitate the evaluation.

Announcements of any awards will be made later this fiscal year.