



Boonshoft School of Medicine Seed 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 second 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 the Research Resource Committee, which combines the Research Committee with participation from the Vice President for Research. Members from the research committee have been selected to participate in the review process and some experts have been added as ad hoc reviewers to facilitate the evaluation. Submissions are received in a rolling format with no defined deadlines.

Last year four full proposals were received. Two of the proposals were funded (PIs Duren and Corbett). The funding was only provided for year 1 of each of the proposals (total of \$44,934), requiring a status report at the end of the first year to receive 2nd year funding. We received two submissions during the current year, one of which is still in the letter of intent stage. Announcement of decisions on these proposals will be made later this fiscal year.