

_____ awards is to support faculty research and scholarly endeavors. Scholarship is one of the fundamental activities of a faculty appointment. To facilitate scholarship at Towson University, these awards provide funding for faculty members to further their scholarship, advance their research, develop material for publication, and/or support the development of scholarly projects that may garner external funding support. While publication may not occur during the project period, evidence of scholarship as defined by the candidate's college PTRM document must be a long-term goal of any project.

The FDRC is comprised of faculty members of the six colleges. Therefore, proposals should be written to be intelligible to a broad group of scholars. Jargon should be avoided, and technical language should be explained. In addition, applicants should keep in mind that basic conventions of research (e.g. the use of students in the sciences; international travel to access archives) may not be shared across all colleges and may require explanation. Faculty members who are proposing to support students in their project should remember that the emphasis of the project should be faculty scholarship and publication. The outcome for students, while important, must be secondary.

The FDRC is expected to award approximately 60% of available funds to tenure faculty members.

Award Eligibility

1. FDRC awards are available to any full-time faculty member (tenured and tenure-track, clinical, lecturer, visiting). Funding is dependent upon a continuing full-time employment contract with TU for the next academic year
2. Applicants may not have an active FDRC award at the time of proposal submission.
3. Applicants may not have outstanding final reports for previous FDRC awards.
4. Applicants may receive no more than two awards every five years.
5. For purposes of collaborative grants, eligibility is tied to the Principal Investigator only.

Application Deadline

The online application must be submitted by 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of the spring semester.

Evaluation Criteria

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Reporting Requirements

Final reports are due within ninety (90) days of the end of the award period. Final reports should be one page in length. They should summarize the activities accomplished during the grant period. The report should also provide information on presentations and publications submitted and/or in progress.

Publication

Faculty are required to acknowledge in print the support received from the Faculty Development & Research Committee of Towson University in any research publication. A copy of the final publication should be sent to the Office of Sponsored Programs & Research.

Patents

Towson University has an interest in any patentable invention or discovery, pursuant to the University of System of Maryland policies relating to intellectual property. By accepting the award, a faculty member agrees to execute promptly all contracts, assignments, waivers or other legal documents necessary to vest in the University any or all rights to the invention or discovery including assignment of any patents or patent applications relating to the invention or discovery funded by the grant. Please refer to [Towson University's Policy on Intellectual Property \(03.20\)](#).
