

Faculty Research Awards Committee (FRAC)

New Policy Update, August 2026

[Standard Operating Procedure for Combined Fellowship and Off-Campus Duty Assignment Support](#)

Program Applications & Deadlines

FRAC Applications will only be electronically administered through InfoReady. InfoReady is found in the [PackPortal](#) and requires Duo sign-in. Login for InfoReady is through Single Sign On (SSO) Banner, which is your network ID and password.

When applying to FRAC through [InfoReady](#), which is located within the Tools menu in the [PackPortal](#), you have four options for applying:

- Provost's Challenge Research Seed Fund
- Faculty Research Fund
- RTT Travel Funds
- Off-Campus Duty Assignment (also known as Sabbatical or Compensated Leave)

Applications for all four FRAC funding programs open annually on September 1. Completed proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on the third Friday of October.

2026-2027 Committee Members

- Beck College of Sciences and Mathematics: Pending
- College of Agriculture: Dr. Jianfeng "Jay" Xu
- College of Education & Behavioral Science: Dr. Ibrahim Duyar
- College of Engineering & Computer Science: Dr. Robert "Drew" Fleming
- College of Liberal Arts & Communication: Pending
- College of Nursing & Health Professions: Dr. Binol Balachandar
- College of Veterinary Medicine: Vacant until Fall 2027
- Neil Griffin College of Business: Dr. Pankaj Nagpal

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