



Southern Adventist University, through the Academic Research Committee, provides funding for academic research through four distinct programs: Faculty 500 Research Grants, Research Grants, Research Sustainability Grants, and Major Research Grants.

Faculty 500 Research Grants: Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for seed money grants of \$500. The goal of these grants is to encourage faculty to *initiate* study towards the development of a future research proposal (literature research, feasibility studies, etc.). Applications will be accepted beginning Sept. 1 of each academic year. Ten (10) grants will be funded on a first come, first serve basis, provided they meet the criteria outlined below.

The following examples illustrate the types of activities that are eligible for Faculty 500 funds:

- Projects/activities involving or resulting in original and/or creative professional activity
- Resource materials/supplies directly related to the accomplishment of scholarly activities

This fund is not to be used for personal development activities (i.e. gym memberships, entertaining students or guests, inviting guest speakers, or for teaching support (i.e. purchase of supplies, scores, books) not associated with a faculty member's own scholarly research or creative activity.

Criteria for Funding

Funds under this program are available exclusively **to support faculty scholarship**. Funding will be approved for those projects or activities that, in the committee's view, clearly demonstrate a relationship to the faculty member's goals for *professional research or creative activity*. ONLY new projects laying the foundation for scholarly research or creative activities will be funded.

For developed research projects or research studies currently underway, the *Research Proposal Grant Application* or the *Research Sustainability Grant Application* is the appropriate method for requesting funds.

Research Grants: Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for Research Grants. These grants are available for initial academic research projects that have been developed (including a literature review, research objectives, methodology, and significance of expected results) and are ready to be implemented. The research project is expected to be completed within the academic year. Any money not spent by the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the University. Applications for the next academic/fiscal year will be accepted beginning March 15,

and will continue to be accepted as long as funds are available. If the grant application is approved, funds will become available beginning June 1 or when the application is approved (if later than June 1). If the research project has not been completed by the end of the fiscal year (May 31), additional funding may be available through a *Research Sustainability Grant*.

Research Sustainability Grants: Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for Research Sustainability Grants. These grants are available for academic research that has already been implemented (regardless of whether/not it has previously received funding through the Academic Research Committee), but not all phases of the research have been completed within one academic year. Applications for the next academic/fiscal year will be accepted beginning March 15, and will continue to be accepted as long as funds are available. If the grant application is approved, funds will become available beginning June 1, or when the application is approved (if later than June 1). The funding is for one fiscal year. Any money not spent by the end of the fiscal year (May 31) will be returned to the University. Unless ARC approval has been granted to move it forward to the next school year. Contact the ARC chair thru IRB.

Major Research Grants: Full-time faculty members are eligible to apply for Major Research Grants. The purpose of these grants is to fund large, potentially multiple-year research projects. These grants will be available for new research projects or major extensions and/or expansions of existing research. There is no stated maximum amount for these grants; however, grants will be constrained by the availability of funds during any fiscal period. Applications will be accepted beginning March 15 for the next school calendar year and will continue to be accepted as long as funds are available.

How to Apply: Digitally complete the appropriate grant application available on through the Southern website under Academic Administration and Forms for Faculty and submit them by email to the Academic Research Committee thru the Institutional Review Board chairperson at irb@southern.edu