



Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development

UNT Faculty:

The Faculty Research Committee has recently approved some substantial changes to the Faculty Research Grant program, specifically the Research Initiation Grant (RIG), Research Opportunity Program (ROP), and Research Enabling Grant (REG) awards. We encourage you to read the Faculty Research Grant Manual for details. A brief synopsis of the changes is as follows:

- Budget caps have been raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500.
- The RIG, ROP, and REG intramural grants are separated and clarified, with distinct eligibility, deadlines, applications, and review criteria.
- Competition for each grant type will occur only once per year.
- Expectations and accountability of these intramural awards are clarified and more directly considered in the evaluation process.
- The peer evaluation will be more systematic to improve reliability.

I have attached the Faculty Research Grant Manual, as well as application forms for the three grants. Our website will be updated as soon as possible with these documents available there as well. Note that the REG and ROP deadlines are in February, so please look this over very soon if you intend to apply. Also note that deans and chairs often have their own submission deadlines in advance of the deadline for final submission to our office.

I want to thank the members of the Faculty Research Committee for working diligently with me to improve the Faculty Research Grant program. I look forward to seeing your applications. Please see <http://research.unt.edu/intramural/intramural.htm> for more information.

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