Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund: Final Preparation and Publication of Papers, and Exhibition of Creative Works Fund

GUIDELINES

Purpose of the Fund
The purpose of these funds is to support the Final Preparation and Publication of Papers, and Exhibition of Creative Works through recognized media. In this context, PPP&E mean activities occurring after the research and creative activity have been completed. This fund is administered in accordance with the WMU-AAUP Agreement (Article 34).

Examples of fundable activities and typical cost categories:
- Materials development and special charges, e.g., graphic preparation, technical services, and publicity.
- Printing, e.g., copying, pre- or re-prints and page charges
- Miscellaneous, e.g., disks, tapes, other supplies, and postage.

Operation of PPP&E
A program coordinator administers the PPP&E program from the Office of Research and Innovation under guidelines established by the Research Policy Council. Awards are made through the Journal Entry System (JE) to reimburse the designated department fund and ID account (cost center) for approved expenses. Faculty must process expenses against the department account prior to submitting the application (see application procedures).

Restrictions
1. Only WMU Bargaining Unit faculty members are eligible to apply.
2. The department chair must certify that the expenses are proper and necessary.
3. Maximum reimbursement in one fiscal year will be up to the amount approved by the Research Policies Council each September for the current fiscal year. If a single award is less than the maximum, the faculty member may submit additional applications until the maximum is reached. For the sake of efficiency multiple expenses from a single faculty member should be submitted at one time.
4. Reimbursement may not be claimed for expenses that could be recovered from other sources (e.g., grants or contracts).
5. All expenditures must conform to appropriate University policies.
6. The minimum amount of reimbursement per request is $100 for fiscal year 2020-21

Application Procedures
1. Faculty members must complete the PPP&E application form.
2. The completed PPP&E application form and expense receipts/invoices should then be submitted to the department chair for his/her verification and signature. Expenses must be processed against the department fund and ID account (cost center) prior to completing the remaining application submission procedures.
3. The application form with the receipts or invoices and processed WMU voucher or procard statement showing payment was made should then be sent as a single PDF document to the Office of Research and Innovation at ovpr_internfund@wmich.edu.
4. Pending verification of eligibility and approval of expenditures, Office of Research and Innovation will then reimburse the department by transferring funds into the departmental account through GLOW.

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