



CHSS FRDA Info Session



College of Humanities
and Social Sciences

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Description of CHSS FRDA Support
3. Category 1: Seed Funds
4. Category 2: Career Development
5. Frequently Asked Questions
6. Questions & Discussion



Welcome & Introductions

- Name
- Department
- Research agenda/expertise
- One question about FRDAs



Hello
my name is

Faculty Research Development Awards (FRDA)

Faculty Research and Development Awards (FRDA), funded by CHSS, are short-term awards that are designed to help tenured and tenure-track faculty initiate new programs of research and scholarship or enhance existing ones.

Starting in Academic Year 2020-2021, the College is expanding the FRDA program to include two categories of funding.

1. Seed Funding Leading to External Funding (“Seed Funds”)
2. Career Development for Associate Professors (“Career Development”)

Application Deadlines

- **FRDA Seed Funds** proposals are due the last Friday of September (September 25, 2020) for projects to during the calendar year.
- **FRDA Career Development** proposals are due the first Friday in February (February 5, 2021) for projects during the summer following the deadline.

FRDA Award History, FY 2010 – FY 2020

- CHSS has invested significant research funds into the FRDA program over the past 10 years.
- 123 awards have been made totaling \$700,171.
- In FY19 CHSS increased the amount faculty could receive per grant, and added summer pay as an allowable expense.

FY	# Awards	\$ Awarded
2010	11	34,622
2011	11	45,616
2012	13	54,076
2013	8	30,311
2014	5	17,682
2015	5	21,620
2016	6	29,004
2017	16	61,450
2018	15	72,150
2019	14	142,347
2020	19	191,293
TOTAL	123	700,171

FRDA Seed Funding Leading to External Funding

Purpose: FRDA Seed Funds provide initial funding to position faculty to be competitive when applying for external grant or fellowship funding. Immediate submission of an external funding proposal is not required, but a plan for seeking external funding must be included in the proposal.

Eligibility: Tenure-track and tenured faculty. Priority given to faculty early in their career or those who have not previously received an FRDA award.

Awards Types*:

1. Single investigator (up to \$10,000; increased from \$5,000 in FY19)
2. Interdisciplinary collaborations involving faculty in two or more CHSS departments or programs (up to \$15,000; increased from \$8,000)
3. Interdisciplinary collaborations involving faculty in other colleges or schools (up to \$15,000; increased from \$10,000)

FRDA Seed Funds (Project Period: January – December 2021)

Proposal Requirements:

1. Cover page (use required form)
2. Proposal narrative (five single-spaced pages)
3. Plans for future funding
4. Abbreviated CV (two pages max)
5. Supplemental information (for those who received a previous award)

Budget Summary and Explanation (use required form):

- **Eligible Expenses:** summer salary (up to \$6,000 for 2 months of FT work), student wages, GRA stipends, fringes, and research expenses.
- Identify all **faculty research support** on the summary budget form.
- **Ineligible Expenses:** AY course releases or supplemental pay, conference travel, computers, primary housing, personal expenses.
- Follow the rates and requirements in **Call for Applications**.
- See: <https://chss.gmu.edu/support/frda>

FRDA Seed Grants – Award Set-up & Management

Research Budget

- Starting in FY20, awards are set up through the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), with a “2” fund – internal award
 - Initial contact from CHSS ADR (award letter, budget)
 - Award set-up email from OSP
 - Revisions/modifications need to be approved by ADR
- Provides PI support and functionality from both CHSS and OSP
- The university’s research support is more easily reported in HERD survey

At the conclusion of the award:

- Final Reports are required, including how the money is spent
- Unspent funds are returned to CHSS for investment
- May be asked to review future proposals and to participate in events to discuss scholarly work and FRDA outcomes

FRDA Career Development

Purpose: FRDA Career Development for Associate Professors awards are designed to provide research and professional development support to advance the career development of mid-career faculty. One career and professional development outcome may be applying for promotion to professor, although other career and professional development outcomes are eligible, depending on applicant interests and goals.

Eligibility: Tenured Associate Professors are eligible to apply.



FRDA Career Development (Project Period Summer 2021)

Awards Types: Applicants will receive \$6,000 plus fringe benefits, with the expectation that they will devote two months of full-time work in the summer to the proposed project.

Proposal Requirements:

1. Cover page (use required form)
2. Proposal narrative (four pages max)
3. Bibliography (one page max)
4. Career development plan (two pages max)
5. Abbreviated CV (two pages max)

Final report required.



FAQs

- Are Associate Professors eligible for the Seed FRDA?
- Should I apply for the Seed Funding or Career Development FRDA?
- Can I apply for both the Seed and Career FRDA?
- What is the funding period for the FRDA?
- How many times can I receive a FRDA?



Questions & Discussion