

FY2027 Research Enhancement Funding Program

OVERVIEW: The Division of Research and Innovation announces the FY27 Research Enhancement Funding Program. This program supports research, scholarly, and creative activities that lead to meaningful and impactful outcomes and, when appropriate, lay the groundwork for future external grant submissions.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To serve as the PI or Co-PI on a Research Enhancement funded project, you must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Non-tenure track faculty and staff may be included as collaborators but not as PI or Co-PI. You can only be awarded one University-level Research Enhancement or Texas Comprehensive Research Fund (TCRF) grant every other year.

The Research Enhancement program does not fund projects that are currently or have been recently supported through either internal or external funding sources. Applications for projects that have received prior funding must clearly demonstrate how the proposed work is substantively different, including any new goals, activities, or deliverables.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Research Enhancement funds are available for projects led by a single tenured, or tenure-track faculty member (up to **\$5,000**) or for multi-disciplinary¹ projects with more than one PI/Co-PI (up to **\$15,000**). Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Research projects
- Course development that incorporates a research component
- Innovative or emerging research applications
- Research-related travel and fieldwork
- Creative activities that contribute to the knowledge in the field

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 5, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Central Time. Proposals must be submitted through [TAMU-CC's InfoReady](#) site.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Internal Funding cover page (please see attachment)
 - Includes signatures from the PI's Chair and College Dean or Institute/Center Director or other equivalents.
- Project Narrative containing
 - Project Summary (no more than 250 words)
 - Project Description (4-page limit), single-space, Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point font, standard 1-inch margins. Including the following sections:
 - Purpose of the Proposed Work
 - Background and Intellectual/Creative Merit
 - Methodology
 - Timeline/Work Plan
 - Anticipated Outcomes
 - Broader Impacts and Dissemination

- References (no page limit)
- Results from previous 5 years of internal funding received (1-page limit), if applicable. Include the following information for the PI and Co-PI(s): Year, amount, and title of previously funded project, outcomes of the project, including publications and number of students (undergraduate/graduate) supported, if any.
- Results from previous 5 years of external funding related to proposed project (1-page limit), if applicable. Include the following information for the PI and Co-PI(s): Year, amount, and title of previously funded project, outcomes of the project, including publications and number of students (undergraduate/graduate) supported, if any.
- Budget and budget justification (2-page limit). Funds are only available from **September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027**. Budgets should be clearly outlined (i.e., in a table format). Budget justification must provide a clear, rational explanation in relation to the project's overall goals.
- Biographical sketch (NSF Format or NIH Format)
 - Generated via [SciENCv](#)
- Current and pending support
 - Generated via [SciENCv](#)

EVALUATION CRITERIA: The University Research Enhancement Committee, which consists of two elected representatives from each college, reviews applications using the following criteria:

- **Significance and Contribution**
 - To what extent does the proposed project advance knowledge, creative expression, or scholarly practice within the field?
 - What is the potential of the project to contribute to new insights, methods, or innovations?
- **Feasibility and Project Design**
 - How appropriate is the work plan, methodology, or creative approach?
 - Do the project goals align with the proposed timeline and scope?
 - Do the PIs/Co-PIs have the required experience and expertise to carry out the proposed work?
- **Clarity and Accessibility of the Proposal**
 - Does the proposal clearly communicate the purpose, methods, and expected outcomes?
 - Could reviewers outside of the PI's field understand the project's value, potential impact, and relevance?
- **Deliverables and Expected Outcomes**
 - How appropriate are the proposed deliverables for the award period?
 - How likely will the proposed deliverables provide meaningful scholarly, creative, or community impact?
- **Societal or Community Impact**

- What is the potential benefit that the project has on broader audiences, including students, communities, industry, or public stakeholders?
- Does the project address a local, regional, national or global need or challenge?
- **Budget Appropriateness**
 - Is the budget reasonable and well justified?
 - Is there a clear rationale for each requested cost in relation to the project's goal(s)?

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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RELATED POLICY:

- 15.01.01.C0.01, [Administration of the Research Enhancement Program](#)

¹Following the National Academies, we use the following as the working definition of interdisciplinary: "Interdisciplinary research is a mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research practice."*