



Greetings from Western Kentucky University's Office of Research and Creative Activity!

ORCA offers on-going training opportunities and resources as well as hands-on pre- and post-award guidance. We recently hosted two seminars on our Post-Award process and our Internal Grants: RCAP (Research and Creative Activity Program) and FUSE (Faculty Undergraduate Student Engagement).

Resources from those seminars can be found on our [Training and Event site](#). We have successfully launched the [Fall FUSE application portal](#) with a deadline of October 31. For questions regarding the FUSE grant application, email fuse@wku.edu.

The RCAP application will launch in late November with a deadline of February 28, 2025. For RCAP grant

application questions, email internal.grants@wku.edu.

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Awards Ceremony on January 29, 2025! This event is a fun and interactive way to recognize research at WKU, while also enjoying refreshments and camaraderie. We hope to see you there!

Finally, we want to remind everyone that we are here to help; so, please do not hesitate to visit us in our offices in the Wetherby Administration Building, 2nd Floor; or call us at 270-745-6132.

For assistance before or during submission of a funding proposal, email proposal.development@wku.edu.

For assistance after you are awarded a grant or contract, email post.award@wku.edu.

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WKU Supports Undergraduate Research!



Faculty Mentors are Instrumental

FUSE Grants

Do you have students who are interested in research, travel and hands-on learning? Are they looking for a resume builder? Do they want to work with an expert in their field of study? Faculty Undergraduate Student Engagement grants support undergraduate students' intellectual development by fostering active engagement in the areas of research,

creative and scholarly activities, and/or artistic performances. All undergraduate students in good academic standing who will reach at least sophomore status at the time of award may apply. FUSE is well-suited for sophomore and junior level students. This WKU-sponsored internal grant has Spring and Fall cycles. [Deadline for current cycle is October 31; apply now!](#)

Posters at the Capitol | P@C



POSTERS
At-The-Capitol

Submission Deadline: 9 December 2024

Acceptance and regrets: 17 January 2025

Date: 06 March 2025

Location: KY State Capitol

Inquiries can be made to kathleen.landiers@wku.edu

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Office of Sponsored Programs

Current Seminars

UPCOMING:

I've Identified a Grant, Now What: A Pre-award Seminar

Friday, October 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. DSU 2081

This seminar is designed for faculty and staff that submit proposals as principal investigators/project directors. Individuals involved in the proposal development process in other capacities, such as key personnel, internal approvers, etc., may also find this seminar beneficial.

MISS A RECENT SEMINAR?

[Visit our Training and Events page for Presentation Materials](#)

ORCA Internal Grant Seminar: RCAP & FUSE

(July 17, 2024)

2024 Post-Award Seminar

After Your Department is Awarded a Grant:

(September 10, 2024)

How KY INBRE Assists

KY INBRE is a collaborative network of biomedical researchers in Kentucky, funded by the NIH.

October 19 Grant Writing Workshop

KY INBRE is hosting a workshop on October 19 for faculty interested in developing NIH R15 and R16 proposals. Registration deadline is October 14. KY INBRE workshop attendance is required to apply for KY INBRE Research Project Awards. Previous attendees have successfully secured NIH funding.

October 23 SuRE Resource Center Webinar

The webinar "Can NSF Funding be a Good Option to Support Your Research Program?" will be held on October 23 from 1 to 2 PM CST. Participants will get an overview of NSF funding mechanisms and requirements, along with guidance on determining the suitability of NSF funding for their research.

Dr. Simran Banga, WKU Biology Associate Professor, Secures a \$709,868 SuRE R16 Grant

Dr. Banga received a grant from the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, partially due to support from KY INBRE. She credits KY INBRE with providing startup funding for her BSL2 research lab, which helped generate important preliminary data for her application. Dr. Banga highlights the significance of a strong research plan and understanding the grant's purpose. She is excited about the funding, which will advance research on host-bacterial interactions and pathogenesis.



WKU News

Did You Know?

Post-Award Roles and Responsibilities

Sponsored Programs, a service unit of the Office of Research and Creative Activity, strives to provide outstanding support to faculty and staff at WKU in obtaining and administering external funds. Sometimes within the course of fulfilling duties, once a grant proposal is funded or awarded, the roles of the Principal Investigator (P.I.) and the Department Chair can become blurred; however, it is important for them to work together ethically and professionally to ensure the grant is utilized properly. Some of their respective responsibilities include but are not limited to:



Notifies Department Chair of an award received

Acts as the Financial Manager of the grant's budget

Fulfills Training Requirements with Grants & Contracts Accounting and with the Office of Research Integrity

Completes effort certification forms for the Office of Grants & Contracts Accounting

Notifies Sponsored Programs of any changes to Scope of Work



Reviews and agrees to all project-related documents before approving

Ensures expenditure compliance

Understands Cost Share and the implications on the departmental budget

Ensure all working on the grant are properly reassigned for time/effort agreed to in the proposal

Understands department responsibilities for disallowed costs/cost overruns on funded projects

[View complete list of post-award responsibilities here.](#)



ORCA Awards Celebration - January 29, 2025
Recognizing Scholarly Efforts of Grant Proposals Submitted and Grant Proposals Awarded for FY 24

Save the date! ORCA’s Annual Celebration of Research will be held January 29, 2025, from 4-6 pm at the Martens Alumni Center. This event celebrates the research and external funding accomplishments of WKU faculty and staff. Additional details coming soon!



Would your department like to schedule time with our team to discuss finding grant funding? If so, please contact proposal.development@wku.edu.

Thank you for reading!

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