



Mid-Career Summer Research Program (MCSR)

Purpose. The MCSR provides funds to support selected faculty members at the rank of associate professor to advance their research, creative projects, and scholarship toward promotion to the rank of professor.

Eligibility. Open to associate professors holding a full-time, tenured position within AddRan College of Liberal Arts. Priority will go to faculty members with more than five years in the rank of associate professor at TCU, those not already receiving University/College summer funding (NOT including summer school teaching salary), and those who have not previously received a MCSR award, though previous awardees may apply for a second MCSR grant. Those receiving summer salary support from an external grant and/or contract remain eligible to apply for MCSR support as long as the external grant does not compensate for 100% of their salary.

Award. The Dean will make awards of \$3,000. The funds will be transferred from the Dean's Office to the awardee's home department after June 1 (the start of the new fiscal year). Awardees will submit reimbursement forms to their department. Successful applicants may teach a summer class, but are restricted to one class in one of the regular summer school sessions, contingent upon departmental need and the availability of funding for summer school classes.

Application. A full research proposal is required from each applicant and shall include an updated CV and a two-page narrative which describes the project and its significance, methodology employed or sources consulted, plan and timetable for the work, and anticipated results/outcomes. *The application deadline is the first Monday in March.* Submit all materials combined in a single PDF document to Dr. Peter Worthing (p.worthing@tcu.edu).

Evaluation. The AddRan Dean's office will review and evaluate the applications based on the overall merit of the project with consideration for the aforementioned priorities. Applicants are encouraged to submit a RCAF proposal to complement the MCSR application, which could provide additional funding for travel, supplies, or other items in support of the project. Notification of awards will take place before April 15.

Reporting. A final project report is due to the Dean's office no later than the end of October of the same year of the award. The report should describe the awardee's research activities during the award period and the accomplishments that resulted. Awardees should share their report with their department chair.