This grant provides funds for faculty to approach a promising undergraduate to write a research proposal together related to the faculty member’s area of research expertise. The faculty member leads the project with significant support from the student. The proposal should include the research objective, theoretical foundation/literature review, methods for conducting the research, and a budget. The budget will allow up to $5,000 with a minimum of $1,500 to go to a stipend for the student researcher. A stipend for the faculty member can also be built into the proposal. The intention of the award is to support summer stipends for the research team to allow them time to implement the study but, ultimately, it is up to applicants to determine an appropriate budget to achieve their research goals.

Faculty interested in this grant type should be keep in mind that an undergraduate student(s) must be involved in a project where the stipend(s) are distributed before the deadlines listed below. This grant type is useful for fostering research experiences for undergraduates.

**Important Notes**

All proposed funds must be disbursed by June 30, 2015. This stands for all grant types and should be an important consideration for applicants. **Implication:** Faculty members who want to use these funds for salary are limited to funding themselves in Summer A term only but work on the project may continue, and likely will, throughout the academic year.

The total amount of funding available for distribution is $5000.

Go to [http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/research/grants-contracts/rfp/](http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/research/grants-contracts/rfp/) for the RFP for each grant type, cover page, Department Chair Approval Form, and rubric.

General questions may be directed to Amelia Davis, Chair of the Research Committee ([adavis@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:adavis@georgiasouthern.edu)). Questions about budget or timeline may be directed to Tracy Linderholm ([tlinderholm@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tlinderholm@georgiasouthern.edu)).
Undergraduate Seed Grant Opportunity
Instructions for Proposals 2014-2015

For the purpose of this grant a faculty member will approach a promising undergraduate to write a research proposal together that is related to the faculty member’s area of research expertise. The faculty member will lead the project with significant support from the student. Partners or larger teams of researchers are welcome to apply.

The proposal should include the research objective, theoretical foundation/literature review, methods for conducting the research, and a budget. The budget will allow up to $5,000 with a minimum of $1,500 to go to a stipend for the student researcher. **NOTE: Although work on the project may require an entire year, any expenses must be incurred by June 30, 2015.**

Funds may be used for:

- Materials, equipment needed for research
- Payment to research participants
- Faculty, student stipends (salary)
- Travel if necessary for data collection

**Proposal Guidelines:**

- The competition is held Spring term so that the student may complete the project by the following spring. Any student may be a part of the research team but preference will be given to rising seniors (e.g., those who will graduate a year from submission of the proposal). **Note:** Seniors graduating in May (the same term as the award) may **not** apply.

- Students will have the choice whether they wish to arrange to receive 1-3 credit hours for **EDUF 2090/2090S** if their project is funded. The student and sponsoring faculty member would need Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading and home department chairs’ approval as well as a “work plan” of research topics to be covered.

**Special Topics in Educational Foundations: (0-3)-(0-3)-(0-3)**

Designed to provide specialized coursework to meet the needs of students. Attention will be directed toward a wide range of topics as they relate to education.

- **Culminating Experience**
  A requirement of funding is that students must present their research findings (along with their mentor) the subsequent spring term following the award. They may present at a COE Brown Bag or a COE Leadership Team meeting or they may present at the University’s Research Symposium.

- **Selection Committee**
  The COE Research Committee funds proposals using the same criteria as faculty seed grants except there is no requirement for seeking external funding. It is up to the discretion of the COE Research Committee to partially fund proposals in order to fund more individuals.
**Application Requirements**

- Student researcher must be an undergraduate student during the entire 2015-2016 academic year with interests pertaining to education
- Student researcher must have a 3.0 GPA (cumulative)
- Student/Faculty team must write a proposal of the research plan (concept and design) including a budget proposal (see rubric for details of the proposal requirements)
- Sponsoring faculty member must write a mentoring proposal to outline the research skills development plan (e.g., timeline/benchmarks) for the student
- Must have a signature from the sponsoring faculty member
- Applicants must agree to co-present their research at a COE brown bag, program meeting, departmental meeting, administrative meeting, or other meeting
- Applicants must generate a final report of accomplishments and research findings to the Research Committee upon completion of the work (or within one year)

A completed application should be emailed to the Research Committee Amelia Davis, Chair of the Research Committee (adavis@georgiasouthern.edu). Applications must be received by **6:00 p.m. January 12, 2015**, and consist of:

1. A completed Application Cover Sheet with signatures.
2. A proposal narrative that includes project concept, research design, timeline/benchmarks of mentoring plan, budget, and plans for dissemination (see rubric). Proposals should not exceed 5 pages. The narrative should not contain any information that identifies the primary researcher or any other researcher providing assistance on this project.
3. A signed Department Chair Approval Form. This allows the department chair to acknowledge the possible impact of the budget on departmental resources.

Contact the following COE Research Committee representatives for information about obtaining application forms and information.

Amelia Davis  
Chair, COE Research Committee  
Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading  
adavis@georgiasouthern.edu

Questions about budget or timeline:

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