



# PROVOST'S RESEARCH AWARDS

Questions and Answers



# What are the PRAs?

- The Provost's Research Awards (PRAs) are designed to foster excellence in research, scholarship and creative activities at the University of Miami.
- The Provost's goal is to continue to build and maintain a world-class research university featuring a community of scholars, scientists and artists with robust externally funded programs.
- The PRAs provide seed funding designed to contribute significantly to the growth of the university's research and scholarly portfolio.

# Who is eligible to apply for the PRAs?

- Applications are accepted from individuals as well as teams
- Tenured, tenure track, and Research Track faculty are eligible to serve as PI
- MSOM faculty, visiting faculty, and adjuncts are not eligible to serve as PI
- See RFP for additional details on eligibility:  
<https://www.uresearch.miami.edu/funding-opportunities/provosts-research-awards/application-resources/index.html>

# The Award

- UP TO \$10,500 in summer Salary per faculty member
- UP TO \$6,500 in direct costs for individual applications\*
- UP TO \$10,000 in direct costs for teams

\*Note that in light of current university budget restrictions, spending in some budgeted categories might be restricted. Please work with your School's business officer to determine the feasibility of using funds through your school as budgeted.

# Restrictions

- Funds are designed to be flexible but:
  - Cannot be used for conference travel
  - Must be used only to cover expenses associated with the work
  - If traveling to archives, please provide documentation that archives are not available online

# Obligations

- Must be employed at the university for one year after the funding period
- Must submit progress and final reports
- Cannot have a current PRA with a current no-cost extension

# Who reviews proposals?

- School Level
  - *Schools review proposals; helmed by Research Dean*
  - *Once nominated by school – instructions sent to upload application to OVPRS*
- OVPRS Level
  - *Reviewers matched by expertise to proposals*
  - *At least 3 reviewers per application*
  - *Study section format*
  - *Final decisions made by OVPRS*

# Review criteria

- Scholarly/scientific/creative merit
- Appropriateness of the approach/methodology
- Prospect for external support And/OR peer reviewed publications OR juried evaluation (art exhibits, film festivals, etc.)
- Productivity/Promise of the applicant
- Stewardship of previous awards
- Clarity of the presentation



# Insights from Past Reviewers

- \*\*Write clearly and without jargon (general advice for grant applications)
- Have a well-organized proposal that makes well-reasoned arguments
- Address every part of the application; no section should be ignored
- If applying for funding to continue an ongoing PRA-funded project, refer back to deliverables to show progress. Demonstrate your stewardship of previous awards.
- Don't double dip
- Funds should be used to support a faculty member's own research, not that of a graduate student or a junior faculty member
- Don't forget COI training requirement!

# Enhancing your chances for funding

- Have someone review your application before you submit it
  - Your Research Dean
  - Senior member of your department
  - Fellow faculty member NOT in your area of expertise Colleague who has had multiple PRA awards (they should get excited!)
- Use the Writing Center for proposal editing:  
<https://english.as.miami.edu/writing-center/index.html>

QUESTIONS?

