

PPI Research Incentive Policy for Large Grant Proposals

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and recognize faculty who lead the development and submission of substantial external funding proposals. The policy supports PPI's research mission by incentivizing the pursuit of large, competitive grants and contracts.

Eligibility Criteria

- Principal Investigator: The proposal's principal investigator (PI) must be PPI faculty or staff, and PPI's proposed share of the project budget must be at least **\$1 million**.
- Cost-Sharing Proposals: Proposals that require institutional cost sharing are not eligible for the large grant proposal incentive.
- F&A Rate: The policy assumes the use of Purdue's standard on-campus facilities and administrative (F&A) rate of 57%. If a proposal uses a substantially lower F&A rate, such as the off-campus rate, the incentive will be reduced by 50%. For example, an eligible proposal with a \$1 million PPI share and a 26% F&A rate would generate a \$500 incentive rather than \$1,000.
- Submission Frequency: Each PI may receive one incentive per fiscal year .
- Multiple Submissions: If a PI submits more than one eligible proposal during the fiscal year, the incentive will be based on the proposal with the largest eligible PPI share.

Incentive Details

- Incentive Amount: The PI will receive incentive funding equal to 0.1% of PPI's proposed share. For example, an eligible proposal with a \$3 million PPI share would generate a \$3,000 incentive.
- Maximum Incentive: The maximum incentive available to an individual PI in a fiscal year is \$5,000.

Process

- Verification: The PPI Office of Research will verify proposal eligibility and calculate the incentive amount after the proposal has been formally submitted.
- Distribution: Approved incentive funds will be transferred to an appropriate discretionary account designated for the PI. The PI may allocate a portion of the funds to eligible co-PIs, subject to applicable Purdue policies and procedures.

Additional Provisions

- This incentive recognizes the substantial effort required to develop and submit large external funding proposals and supports PPI's broader research mission.
- Eligible proposals must be complete, responsive to sponsor requirements. Proposals determined to be incomplete, insufficiently developed, or submitted without reasonable preparation may be deemed ineligible.
- Eligibility determinations and exceptions will be made by the PPI Office of Research. Questions or disputes regarding the policy will be resolved by the Associate Dean for Research, in consultation with PPI leadership as appropriate.

Contact

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