Purpose: The Research Grant (RG) program provides support up to $6,000 for specific projects of individual tenured and tenure-track faculty members. Research support for institutes, centers, and organized research units is not available through this program.

Applications and additional information about these awards can be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Research, Peter T. Flawn Academic Center 426, 471-2877, or from the UT Austin Research web page: https://research.utexas.edu/find-funding/awards-fellowships-grants/

Research Grants CAN provide salary for research assistants, research-associated travel (for grant holder only), research supplies and materials, and small items of research equipment. Funds to purchase equipment can sometimes be obtained from the applicant’s dean or chair, so any equipment items requested must be fully justified. The maximum grant amount is $6,000.

Research Grants CANNOT provide funds for faculty salaries; any expenditure prohibited from an indirect cost account; student tuition, fellowships, scholarships, or stipends; manuscript preparation of textbooks; books, CDs, DVDs, or videos; page charges, reprints or subventions for publication; indexing; travel or registration expenses for attending professional meetings or symposia; tuition and fees; computer time, computer hardware or peripherals. Software may be purchased only if it is highly specialized research software fully justified by the scholarly demands of the proposed work. EXPENSES PAID WITH PERSONAL FUNDS WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF BUDGETED TRAVEL outside the Austin area).

Application process: Applications must be submitted on-line via CompetitionSpace: https://utexas.infoready4.com/, by Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Eligibility: All proposals should clearly explain the merits of the research project relative to advancement of his/her discipline or field of work. In addition, proposals with a predominantly scientific content should contain: 1) a clearly defined plan for using Research Grant funding to leverage further funding for continuation and/or expansion of the project, and/or 2) evidence that the applicant is moving into a new area of research and seeks Research Grant funding to conduct exploratory research.

Reporting requirements: A one-page report will be due by February 15th of the year following receipt of the award. This report should include a brief description of what was accomplished to date; a listing of papers submitted/published; relevant presentations or other activities; and if applicable, proposals submitted or funded as a result of the UT Research Grant received.

Review process: Competing applications will be ranked by a committee of peers. Assistant Professors are highly encouraged to apply. Please note: A faculty member may receive either an RG or an SRG (Special Research Grant), but not both, in a given academic year (September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017). All Research Grants for 2016-2017 will be announced in mid-October 2016. Funds must be expended prior to August 31, 2017; carryovers are not permitted. Unused funds will revert to the VPR Research Grant fund.