

Provost's Early Tenure-Track Faculty Research Support Initiative



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What is it?

Support for research, scholarship, and creative practice available from the Provost's office to early tenure-track faculty on the Ann Arbor campus

ADVANCE handles applications, questions, & administrative review

Very short application, no CV or project description.

No review within unit.

Why provide this support?

Recognition of COVID impacts on research, scholarship, creative practice

Desire to “jump-start” scholarship of faculty whose careers are likely most impacted (early career faculty)

Understanding that dependent care needs may be part of travel to conferences, archives, performances, etc.

Interest in supporting the scholar/person; resourcing time for research, scholarship, creative practice

Resources from advance.umich.edu:

Effect of COVID-19 on U-M Faculty Life (August 2020 survey)

Effect of COVID-19 on U-M Faculty Experiences (March 2021 survey)

Faculty Equity & COVID-19: The problem, the evidence, and recommendations (2020)

Faculty Equity & COVID-19: The ongoing impact on faculty careers (2021)

Applications & awards

Assistant professors & untenured associate professors are eligible for up to \$3000.

Associate professors tenured no earlier than March 2018 are eligible for up to \$1500.

Must have a funded instructional track appointment to be eligible. Must hold relevant appointment as of March 2022.

Apply via <https://advance.infoready4.com>

Questions to ADV-Funding@umich.edu

Applications open March 15, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Use funds by April 30, 2024.

Eligible expenses

Related to scholarship:

Student assistance, publication-related expenses, research-related expenses, equipment & supplies, tuition support, consultants, collaborations, personnel, writing retreat, professional travel, editorial assistance, etc.

=> Applicant must provide a **general fund shortcode** and the **name of their Unit Finance Contact**

Eligible expenses

Related to dependent care to allow applicant to travel for research, scholarship, or creative practice:

Dependent travel expenses, babysitter/daycare/eldercare, car seat rental, etc.

=> Will be processed as additional pay and subject to applicable taxes

Not eligible:

Course buy-outs, faculty salary, local dependent care when faculty member is in town, dependent care provided by partner/family member, coaching

Status to date

ADVANCE processes and approves application based on eligibility of applicant and types of expenses. (~ 2 weeks)

ADVANCE also asks applicants to fill out a short questionnaire about COVID impacts.

OBP (and OVPR in a few cases) processes funds. (~ few weeks)

About 1100 faculty are eligible for the program.

Nearly 200 applications received since March 15, from nearly all schools/colleges.

Questions?

Links to more info at advance.umich.edu

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NOTE: OVPR has an entirely separate program (OVPR Pandemic Relief Program) for clinical and research track faculty, faculty on the Flint and Dearborn campuses, and early career associate professors (all tracks) with a record of external funding.