

*Expedited Research Grants for Teaching Faculty*  
Professional Development Funding Throughout the Year

We are pleased to announce that the ***Expedited Research Grant*** program for teaching faculty will continue in the 2014-2015 academic year. The ERG program is intended to support smaller-scale research and scholarship needs of our teaching faculty throughout the year.

The goal of the *Expedited Research Grant* fund is to make support available for relatively smaller and more immediate research-related needs of our teaching faculty. For example, someone who has been doing research on the expansion of Islam in North America might be notified in August that a regional meeting will be taking place in November. (S)He might seek support from this fund, suggesting that attendance at this meeting would make a significant contribution to a manuscript on which (s)he was already working.

These funds are not intended for start-up expenses related to research projects, or for longer-term project expenses; those proposals should go through the *Professional Development Fund* application cycle.

Teaching faculty can submit requests for research support of up to \$2,000; larger requests for research support should be submitted through the *Professional Development Fund* application cycle early in the calendar year. Final decisions about requests will be made by the Academic Dean upon recommendation by the Associate Academic Dean and the Professional Development Committee.

There is no application form. Requests for support should be no more than 2 pages in length and should be directed to the Associate Academic Dean (who will share them with the *Professional Development Committee*). Requests should include information on (a) how much support is needed, (b) what the funds would be used for, and (c) what the *direct* consequence of funding would be. Applications should clearly demonstrate why *expedited* funding is needed, and why the application cannot wait until the normal PDF application cycle in February.