Auburn University Title VI
Summer Salary Assistance Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Summer Salary Assistance Program is to provide an opportunity for African American faculty to concentrate on research activities unencumbered by teaching responsibilities in the summer term.

Objective: Such projects are intended to result in the authorship of scholarly publications, invited presentations, submission of extramural funding proposals, or other creative works for the purpose of enhancing the individual’s tenure and promotion portfolio.

Eligibility: Only tenure track African American faculty with four years or less in rank will be eligible for this program.

Awards: Summer support per faculty member generally will not exceed $20,000 from Title VI funds. These funds may be supplemented by Division I funds from the faculty member’s department and/or college/school with the expectation that no teaching may be required. (Division I Funds consist of the traditional educational budget for the main campus). Total amount available for all awards in this fund is $140,000.

Award Period: The Title VI Committee must receive requests no later than January 15 prior to the summer for which funds are requested.

General Regulations:
1. The purpose of the Title VI Summer Salary Assistance Program is to contribute to the success of African American junior faculty obtaining promotion and tenure. It will therefore be necessary to acquire a written statement from the department head and dean of the applicant’s college that the research undertaken will be considered toward the applicant’s tenure and promotion dossier.
2. Awards will be made for summer semester only.
3. Priority will be given to projects for which departmental and other funds are available for other related research costs.
4. Title VI Summer Salary Assistance funds cannot be used:
   a. To support research activities or publication of research results which partially fulfill the requirements for a higher degree.
   b. For work that is not carried out during the applicant’s appointment at Auburn University.
   c. To support a graduate student’s thesis or dissertation research; however, the employment of a graduate student on a faculty member’s research project funded through the Title VI Research Grant Program is encouraged.

Budget:
1. These funds are designed for summer salary support.
Procedure/Timeline:
1. The proposal period [the time period covered by the grant] will start at the beginning of summer and end with the normal summer academic term for which assistance is requested.
2. Awards will be announced by February 15.

Requirements:
1. A plan of work that describes the proposed project.
2. On November 15 following the summer for which support has been provided, a project final report is due to the Title VI Committee.

Proposal Development:
The proposal should contain the following sections:
1. Cover Sheet - to include the signatures of the applicant’s dean and department head/chair and the applicant
2. Project Summary - not to exceed 1 page
3. Project Description - not to exceed 5 pages
4. Proposed research area
5. Schedule for the plan of work. State specific milestones and their expected completion dates.
6. Budget
7. Letter of support from the dean and department head

Deadline: Proposals will not be accepted after January 15.

If you need additional information, please contact:

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