

**Request for Proposals**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Dean's Summer Faculty Research Program (SFRP) 2026**

The A&S Dean's Summer Faculty Research Program (SFRP) is a competitive internal funding opportunity in order to advance research and creative activity. The purpose of this program is for faculty to dedicate substantive summer time to research or creative projects. The term 'research' refers to the normal scholarly activity in a discipline: contributing to knowledge in a subject area or taking a well-defined step toward producing original scientific or artistic work. Projects should focus on any research, scholarship, or creative work that will lead to publication or performance in a high-quality venue or the submission of a major research grant proposal. Funding availability will determine the number of SFRP grants awarded each year. Grants will be awarded for summer 2026 with chair's approval. **Proposals are due Monday, November 10th by 4pm.**

**Eligibility:** Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors are eligible to apply for a summer research stipend (\$6,000). Faculty not selected may submit proposals from previous years as long as the project remains viable. Note: faculty with summer start-up funding are not eligible.

**Requirements**

- A faculty member receiving the SFRP award is expected to commit to the research or creative activity described in their proposal during the summer.
- Faculty must be full-time at the University both during the academic year preceding and the academic year following the summer research activity.
- Faculty members granted awards must submit a concise final report in writing to the Dean, by Monday, September 28, 2026, describing the substantive scholarly or creative results of the project and the extent to which the award facilitated the successful execution of the funded project. Failure to submit a final report on time will jeopardize future funding.
- Assistance from URI's College of Arts and Sciences should be acknowledged in any publication / creative activity that results from SFRP funding.

**Restrictions**

- No stipends will be made for research that is intended to result in the production of a textbook, for writing that is essentially commercial, or for course creation, program revision, pedagogical training, or other such activities.
- Per University policy, Faculty members on academic-year appointments are eligible to receive up to 25% (2.25 months) of their academic-year Institutional Base Salary from University funds (summer session teaching, orientation work, chairs' recontracting, internal research funds, etc.) during the summer. Faculty members who have at least 51% of their summer compensation paid by external funds coming to the University, including funds from the URI Foundation, may earn up to 27.7% (2.5 months) of their academic-year Institutional Base Salary during the summer.
- Summer stipends granted through this program will ordinarily not be awarded more frequently than once every two years.

**Application Guidelines (Note: page limits must be followed for application to be considered. Please use Times New Roman, size 12 font, single-spaced.)**

Because the College includes such a broad variety of disciplines, applicants are encouraged to write their proposals with the educated layperson as their target audience. It will be helpful to place the significance of the work not just in the context of the area of specialization, but also within the scope of the broader scholarly discipline. The SFRP application should include the following:

**Cover Page.** Applicants must include the cover sheet of this packet with the indicated information and signatures.

**Non-technical abstract.** The abstract should be understandable to faculty members who may have a general knowledge of the field but not specialists. *(1 page maximum)*

**Project description.** The main part of the application will be the narrative, including background, significance, goals, methodology, expected outcomes, and a dissemination plan. *(2 page maximum)*

**Justification and impact.** A case should be made for the necessity of the summer stipend to move the project(s) forward, specifically during the summer. Please detail how having support in the summer will have a particular impact on the project(s) and the project's potential impact in the field. *(1 page maximum)*

**Timeline.** A detailed timeline of activities contributing to the project(s) over the course of the summer. *(1 page maximum)*

**Brief curriculum vitae.** The brief *vitae* should emphasize special qualifications, training, publications, awards, grants, and other data *especially related to the proposed project*. *(2 page maximum)*

## **Review Process**

1. The Research, Scholarship and Creative Works Committee will review SFRP applications. Following its review, the committee will make a recommendation to the Dean regarding which proposals should be funded.

2. Proposals will be evaluated on a number of criteria, including:

- Complete application that appropriately follows guidelines
- Clarity of the project description
- Significance of the project(s) and potential impact
- Quality of proposed dissemination plan
- Contribution to the applicant's scholarly development
- Justification for summer funding
- Timeline and likelihood applicant will complete the project proposed during the summer of the award.

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be received by email no later than Monday, November 10, 2025 by 4pm. Submit your application as a single pdf to Angelique Beckmann ([ambeckmann@uri.edu](mailto:ambeckmann@uri.edu)) using the following naming convention for your application pdf: Last Name\_Department\_SFRP2026

**College of Arts and Sciences  
Dean's Summer Faculty Research Program Application 2026**

**Cover Page**

**Faculty Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**URI research support received during the last two years (e.g., start-up funding, departmental, Center for the Humanities, SSIREP, Summer Faculty Research Grant):** Format: year, source, amount, and indicate whether publications, grant proposals or awards resulted from this support.

**Non-URI research support received during the past two years or currently pending (e.g., ACLS, NEH, Guggenheim, private foundations):** Format: year, source, amount, and indicate whether publications, grant proposals or awards resulted from this support

*By signing below, the Department Chair indicates support for the SFRP application and certifies that the department supports the project.*

**Signature of chair**

**Date**

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*By signing below, the faculty member certifies that s/he will follow the terms of the SFRP.*

**Signature of applicant**

**Date**

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