

Arts and Sciences Council
Committee on Faculty Research
August 16th 2016

Committee Charge:

“The committee on Faculty Research has two responsibilities: a) it shall administer the awarding of grants for research and conference travel made available each year by the Dean of Arts and Sciences, and b) it shall address larger issues of research that are important for Arts and Sciences faculty.”

Introduction:

This past year the committee was pleased to fund 56 travel grants and 28 research grants to fully encumber our budget. ASC-CFR conference support remains limited, but the Divisional Deans for Humanities, Natural, and Social Sciences have stepped in with their discretionary funds and assisted on a limited basis, and helped faculty to organize conferences on campus.

Meetings:

The committee meets yearly to decide funding for research grants and to discuss the committee’s work in general. We received applications from faculty members across the University, there were many qualified applications considered, and the committee limited the awards to \$5,000 so that we could assist as many applicants as possible. The committee also decided to continue with the current practice of not considering applications from those who received funding the previous year. I believe that we left the meeting confident that we have funded or partially funded every worthy request.

Accomplishments:

Other than funding research grants, we provide funding for limited travel support for faculty with no start-up or research accounts. We also provide funding for several Emeriti faculty as support for travel. The committee will continue to support Emeriti faculty in the coming academic year.

Challenges:

We would like to continue to support Faculty with both research and travel grants, but money is limited. Dean Ashby is supporting our efforts by adding an additional \$50,000 from her discretionary funds to assist with travel and research awards for the upcoming academic year. You can find applications for both travel and research on our A & S website located at:
<http://admin.trinity.duke.edu/arts-sciences-council/committee-faculty-research>