College of Business and Economics
Summer Research Grants

The College of Business and Economics, Dean’s Competitive Summer Research Grant will be awarded each year in the amount of $10,000 to be paid over two summers. Individuals who have received an acceptance in an A+ or A journal outlet from the Department Journal Lists during the year are invited to write a research grant proposal describing ongoing research and the need for funding. Two new research grants are awarded per year. Usage of funds is at the discretion of the recipient(s). If the funds are taken as salary, fringe benefits will not be taken from this amount.

Grant awards are subject to the following constraints:

- Priority is given to research projects that are likely to result in the submission of an article to a refereed academic journal within the year following the award.
- The research project should support the current research program consistent with the faculty member’s academic appointment.
- The grantee(s) must be in residence during one month of each summer for the period covered by the grant. Grantees are expected to conduct a reasonable portion of research activity in their offices and/or other research locations on campus.

Individuals who received a Dean’s Scholar Summer Research Grant in one calendar year may receive a grant the subsequent year.

Grantees may be employed in summer school, EMBA, Executive Education, sponsored research and other activities outside of the pay periods during which the personal service payments from Dean’s Scholar Summer Research Grants are received. For example, if the research grant salary is paid during June, the faculty member can teach during the period July 1-August 15.

The summer compensation from all sources, including the summer research award, cannot exceed 2/9 of base salary.

Application Process: The application process involves submission of grant proposal for evaluation by Research and Library Committee comprised of a faculty member from each department. This Committee will make a recommendation to the Assistant/Associate Deans and Dean of the College of B&E for final approval.

Submission Deadline: The completed application for the B&E grant program must be submitted in a .pdf format to the Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, by noon on March 15 of each calendar year.

Selection Criteria: Grant awards are based on: (1) research merits of the grant proposal as judged by the Committee, and (2) the likelihood that the work will be accepted for publication in a refereed
academic journal. As with Faculty Senate grants, this committee “places a very high priority on the clarity of the proposal and the applicant’s attention to essential details. The proposal must include sufficient detail to convince the committee that the proposed research is scholarly, that it will make a significant contribution to the applicant’s discipline and, where appropriate, that it will provide a foundation for further research, including information about any applications the applicant plans on submitting for extramural funding. If the proposed research is experimental in nature, then the applicant must clearly describe the experimental design, indicating how data will be collected, analyzed and interpreted, including a brief discussion of potential pitfalls and alternative plans. Although the page limits force the proposals to be brief, they are sufficient for proposing a highly focused and well-justified project.”

**Reporting Requirement:**

1. Grantees must provide a report at the end of the second summer of funding (by **September 1**) indicating where the work has been submitted and the status of the submission (i.e., rejected, revise and resubmit, accepted, etc.).

2. Acknowledgement for this grant award should be noted in the resulting research paper(s). The preferred acknowledgement is:

   "Partial funding for this research was provided by the Dean’s Scholars Summer Research Grant and the Kennedy-Van Scoy Fund (or the William R. Goldsmith Fund) for Faculty Development in College of Business and Economics, West Virginia University."

3. When and if the work has been published, a copy of the manuscript is to be submitted to the Associate Dean for Research and Outreach.