**DATE:** February 12, 2016

 **TO:** University Faculty

 **FROM:** Robert E.W. Fyffe, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

 Chair of the Research Council

 **SUBJECT:** **Research Initiation and Professional Development Grant Programs for 2016**

The Research Council is pleased to announce the Research Initiation and Professional Development Grant Program competitions for 2016. The purpose of the programs is to support research and other scholarly activity by the University faculty within the constraint of available resources. The competitive program consists of two components:

**Research Initiation Grants** are intended to provide seed funds for new research efforts likely to attract external funding. Requests up to $20,000 will be considered. Recently appointed faculty and those without significant external funding are given priority.

**Professional Development Grants** are intended for more general and diverse scholarly activities and professional renewal. Requests up to $3,000 will be considered.

The Research Initiation and Professional Development grants are continuing features of the Research Council. The intent of sponsoring two distinct programs is to recognize that there is a significant difference among disciplines in the opportunities for external funding and the costs of doing research. The Research Council wishes to provide an incentive for all eligible faculty members to initiate new scholarly activities that support continued professional development of the faculty and the goals of the departments and colleges.

All fully affiliated faculty are invited to apply. Because the Boonshoft School of Medicine has its own internal grants program, those faculty members, including those in Matrix departments, are not eligible to apply. Each applicant is limited to one proposal per competition as Principal Investigator, but may serve as Co-Investigator on other proposals.

Applicants must have a saved search in the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN). Those who received a Research Initiation or Professional Development Grant in 2015 are not eligible to apply to the same program in this competition. Otherwise, faculty may submit one proposal to either program or different proposals to both programs. Additional eligibility requirements are found in the guidelines for each program.

**One PDF version of the entire application (including Cover Page with scanned signatures) should be submitted to Research and Sponsored Programs by e-mail at:** **rsp@wright.edu** **by** **5:00 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2016**. **Late proposals will not be accepted.** Awards will be announced by

May 1, 2016.

The Research Initiation and Professional Development programs have written guidelines and require specific proposal cover sheets. The guidelines and proposal cover sheets are available *via* the RSP website at: http://www.wright.edu/research/research-and-sponsored-programs/pre-award/internal-funding-opportunities