

Research Matters

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Notes from Beneath the Blue Awning

In **last month's RAE newsletter**, I addressed the question, Why should I write a grant proposal? through the lens of the UWF mission and my own experience as a UWF faculty member and department chair. This time, I wanted to address *how* to get started in pursuing an external funding source. I don't mean the ins and outs of identifying a funding mechanism, deciphering its announcement (RFP, NOFO, etc.), or even writing and revising the proposal itself.* Today, I want to focus on some ideas for transforming a good idea into a possible topic for a grant proposal.



First, build upon your successes. Many foundations and funding agencies are surprisingly conservative and are often nervous about being the first “investor” on a project. If you can build an idea off of a small pilot project for which you have some preliminary results, you will vastly increase your ability to convince a sponsor to fund it. Have you secured a UWF Office of Undergraduate Research (**OUR**) project award or High-Impact Practices (**HIPs**) program funding? That internal project is now a pilot study (complete with a successfully funded proposal) that is an excellent start to a proposal for external funding. Consider how to replicate or expand it with external funding.

You might also consider building off of existing collaborations. If you have a UWF collaborator from another discipline, talk with them to find out if they are aware of discipline-focused funding opportunities. External collaborators, particularly those at research universities, often have considerable experience with pursuing and securing funding to support their scholarly, creative, and research activities. If you happen to be in one of the physical, life, or behavioral science disciplines served by the National Science Foundation, you can work with an NSF-funded collaborator to add on an NSF Research Opportunity Award (**ROA**) specifically established to engage faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions (a classification that UWF still holds) at no cost to the collaborator.

Finally, check the acknowledgments section of the manuscripts that you read to see how the scholarly activities that matter to you are being funded. The National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, state and local foundations all fund the activities that matter in your discipline. There is no reason that UWF faculty should sit on the sidelines and let those funds go to other institutions around the country.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out via email or our **Jira service desk!**

Best wishes for a great Fall term,

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*If you are thinking about these issues, please note that RAE will hold a mini-workshop on Nov. 17 and is planning more extensive workshops with our Hanover Research partners in December 2022 and May 2023.

New publications

The Office of Research Administration and Engagement congratulates the following researchers on their recent publications:

- **Dr. Pamela Benz**, **Dr. Samantha Seals**, and **Dr. Katherine Whitaker** for their article, "**Building a Community of Practice: A Case Study of Introductory College Chemistry Students**," in the Journal for STEM Education Research.
- **Dr. Guillermo Francia III** for his book **Global Perspectives on Information Security Regulations: Compliance, Controls, and Assurance**, published by IGI Global.

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