

# Barry University Faculty Stimulus Program

**DESCRIPTION:** The Faculty Stimulus Program (FSP) is designed to support projects that encourage and enhance research, creative and scholarly activities, and enhance the prospects of obtaining outside, competitive support. FSP is available to Faculty from all disciplines who have attained the rank of Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor. Preference will be given to proposals that; 1) show a prospective for attaining external support to further the scholarly endeavor beyond the FSP, 2) early-career faculty and to those who have not received a FSP in the previous two years. [All proposals submitted under this program must be consistent with the Barry mission.](#)

The Faculty Stimulus Program provides funding on a competitive basis for projects involving research or other creative scholarly activity. The Program is intended to provide short-term, one-time support that will “jump start” worthwhile projects and result in data or work projects that can be used in developing proposals for submission to extramural funding agencies or private contributors.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** The Faculty Stimulus Program provides a maximum award of \$10,000, 3 awards are planned annually. (Final number of awards may vary.) These are made possible by the generous support of the Barry University Trustees.

**SCOPE AND TIMELINE AWARDS:** Funding can support any aspect of a project during a twelve-month period deemed necessary by the applicant, including but not limited to pilot projects, prototype development, demonstration of educational/public service programs, and/or travel.

Applications will be available in late spring and awards will be provided on a fiscal year basis, beginning in July and ending the following June.

***Award recipients are required to submit a proposal for competitive external funding within 12 months of the end of the FSP period.***

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:**

- Applicants must be a Barry faculty members full-time (at least a 9 month contract) and be returning on a contract for at least one-year after the award.
- A faculty member may submit only one application as principal investigator (PI) per funding cycle but is not limited as a co-investigator or team member on other projects.
- Faculty members must have their Dean's approval for submission since each award will require a College operation budget account for overruns.
- FSP Budget will support new projects; consultant/contractual fees, participant costs, marketing/printing, student wages, supplies, travel and other direct costs that are justified. Note: funds **may be used for** faculty salary support either as summer salary for those on a contract less than 12 months or may be used to hire an adjunct faculty member so that the PI would have a course buyout.
- Barry faculty can be awarded **only one internal award** as a PI in any academic year. Furthermore, Barry faculty cannot be a PI on a FSP Grant in consecutive years and may not be a PI more than twice in any 4-year period and may never again be a PI on a FSP Grant if no application for external funding was submitted within the 12 months following the award.
- Faculty members are encouraged to work with GSP for budget development of their program.

**REVIEW AND AWARD PROCESS:**

- Applications are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Provost in conjunction with the Deans. The Committee makes funding recommendations to the Provost, who will make the final selection.

- The Award Announcements will be in May-June following the submission deadline.
- Preference will be given for projects that enhance the education experience of Barry University students.
- The award period is the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) starting after the announcement has been made.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FSP AWARDS:**

- Applicants should identify external sources of funding and specify a timeline for proposal submission that will be pursued as a result of this internal funding. Applicants are encouraged to seek GSP's assistance in this process.
- Recipients are expected to actively work with GSP during the FSP period to understand the proposal preparation needed for an external application.
- Recipients are expected to actively pursue external funding sources (grants and/or fellowships) and are encouraged to submit a proposal for external funding within 24 months of receipt of award (12 months after it ends). *Failure to do so will disqualify applicants from future competitions.*
- A one-page final report is required, due to GSP no later than 90 days after the conclusion of funding.
- Recipients are expected to 1) serve as reviewers, either internal on at least one GSP review panel or for an external agency, within 4 years of receiving FSP /or as an advisor/mentor to a subsequent submitter, 2) at the conclusion of their project present a brief overview at the grants luncheon and 3) submit a one page final report for inclusion as a report to the Trustees. *Failure to do so will disqualify applicants from future competitions.*

## **GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Proposals must address these criteria (100 point scale):

- Scientific or scholarly merit and relevance & involvement of students (40 points)
- Qualifications of project personnel (20 points)
- Budget and facilities (10 points)
- Potential for generating external funding (30 points)

## **PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**FSP grant will be accepted via email when the competition is announced, to [grants@barry.edu](mailto:grants@barry.edu)**

***Paper applications will not be accepted. The submitted FSP should be no more than 3 pages in total, excluding the budget and the budget narrative. Information required as part of the electronic FSP application:***

- 1. Abstract (suggested 200 words or less) – this is a brief summary of project** (using lay terms accessible to a broad audience).
- 2. How will your project promote Barry’s mission (100 words)**
- 3. Problem Statement (suggested 350 words or less) –** Pose a clear research question or topic that specifies the purpose of the project, articulate issue, use statistics, address the importance of the issue.
- 4. Research Strategy (suggested 750 words or less) -** The proposal should include information to demonstrate to reviewers its merit and potential for external funding, including the following elements:

- Situate the project in existing literature, providing background/rationale that addresses the significance of the project to the applicant's field.
- List the project's short-term objectives and describe how the project fits into the applicant's long-term plan for scholarship.

### **5. Evaluation Methods (350 words or less)**

- Describe data/information sources, method of analysis
- Describe what information you will collect, track and measure to gauge your progress and results.
- Include goals and measurable objectives

### **6. Benefit to Students (300 words or less)**

- Describe direct/indirect benefit to Barry Students, service learning, ...

### **7. Timeline (100 words or less)**

- Briefly describe a timeline( i.e., summer months, academic year, ...)

### **8. Attachment (Maximum- 3 page limit)**

- Articulate the fit of the proposed project, explaining how the project aligns with the program priorities.
- Must demonstrate one – three potential funders to whom you will submit

### **9. Budget Guidelines: Maximum request \$10,000**

- Round to the nearest dollar
- Budget justification should be detailed in fields provided
- Answer the following questions;
  - Do you have another source of funds for this project, if so please state the source?

- Have you had prior funding for this project, if so please state the source?
- Have you received other University support for this project, i.e, a CCSI grant, Faculty Mini Grant?

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If you have questions about the submission process, please contact Grants & Sponsored Programs 305-899-3072 or by e-mail with FSP as the subject to [grants@barry.edu](mailto:grants@barry.edu)