Office of Research & Office of Sponsored Programs
Facilitation of Research and Creative Activity

I. Program Development
We can assist in building research programs for individual faculty, also programs of centers and other research and creative teams:

A. Infrastructure
1. Basic needs of individual faculty members
2. Shared facilities
3. Finding facilities at other institutions (e.g., University of Louisville)

B. Internal Grants
1. Research and Creative Activities Program (RCAP) grants help ramp up your program

C. Identifying Funding Sources
1. Sub-contracts from collaborators (e.g., former advisors) can be a useful step.

D. Proposal Development
1. Building appropriate teams and collaborators
2. Budget development
3. Improving Competitiveness of Proposals
4. Review and critiquing of ideas and proposals
5. Assistance getting onto review committees
6. Serving on grant review committees is a major help in obtaining funding

E. Post-award Assistance

II. Incentives for obtaining funding
One of the biggest incentives for obtaining funding is that it allows you to follow your passion, and support students. Of course funding for summer research time provides a very tangible benefit in your paycheck. In addition, we provide:

A. National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Augmentation
1. NEH grants often do not fully fund the scholarship. We will add internal funds.

B. Faculty Incentive Program (FIP)
Buying out part of your salary with external funds WKURF provides further incentive as follows:
1. Teaching time – bonus is 20% of salary savings to WKU
2. Research time – bonus is 40% of salary savings (if grant carries full F&A)

III. Support for Entrepreneurship
Going into business can appear confusing and daunting, but we provide assistance to render this a straightforward undertaking:

A. Intellectual Property
1. There are different ways to protect ideas and inventions, such as trademarking, copyrighting, patenting, and trade secrets. We will do all the hard work.

B. Commercialization
1. If you want to start and own a company, we can help.
2. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants
   a. These represent an increasing source of federal support, but have to be approached with care. SBIR requires that the P.I. be > 50% employed by a company; we can make this happen in an easy and risk-free manner.

IV. Compliance
A number of federal laws mean that you can get into trouble for a number of things. We will assist in keeping you in full compliance in an easy manner:

A. Human Subjects
1. If your research involves people in any way, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) must review your proposal
2. Our IRB review is one of the easiest and fastest in the country.

B. Animal Care and Use

C. Export Control
1. It is against the law to send certain materials to some countries. Transmitting some materials to a citizen of some countries is a “deemed export” that may be illegal. Please check with Mr. Paul Mooney.

D. Biosafety