



Office of Sponsored Programs

External and Internal Grant Funding

Annual Report

2014-2015



Introduction

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) is a service unit in the Office of Research and Creative Activity in the division of Academic Affairs. We are dedicated to providing assistance to faculty and staff of WKU to be successful in competing for external funding. OSP coordinates all externally funded grant applications; assures regulatory compliance with applicable federal, state and agency regulations; negotiates contracts and other agreements, and administers WKU's internal grant programs. OSP is committed to providing excellent grants management expertise and customer service to facilitate responsible stewardship of externally sponsored projects.

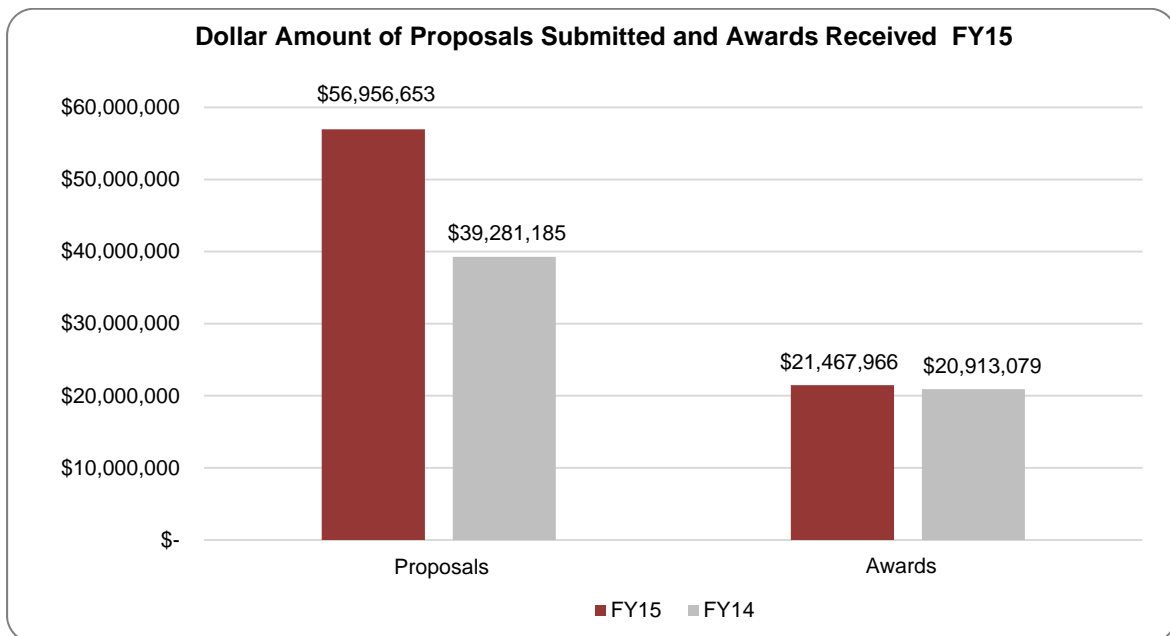
The following report provides summary and analytical information as well as graphic representations of sponsored programs activity at WKU during fiscal year 2015.

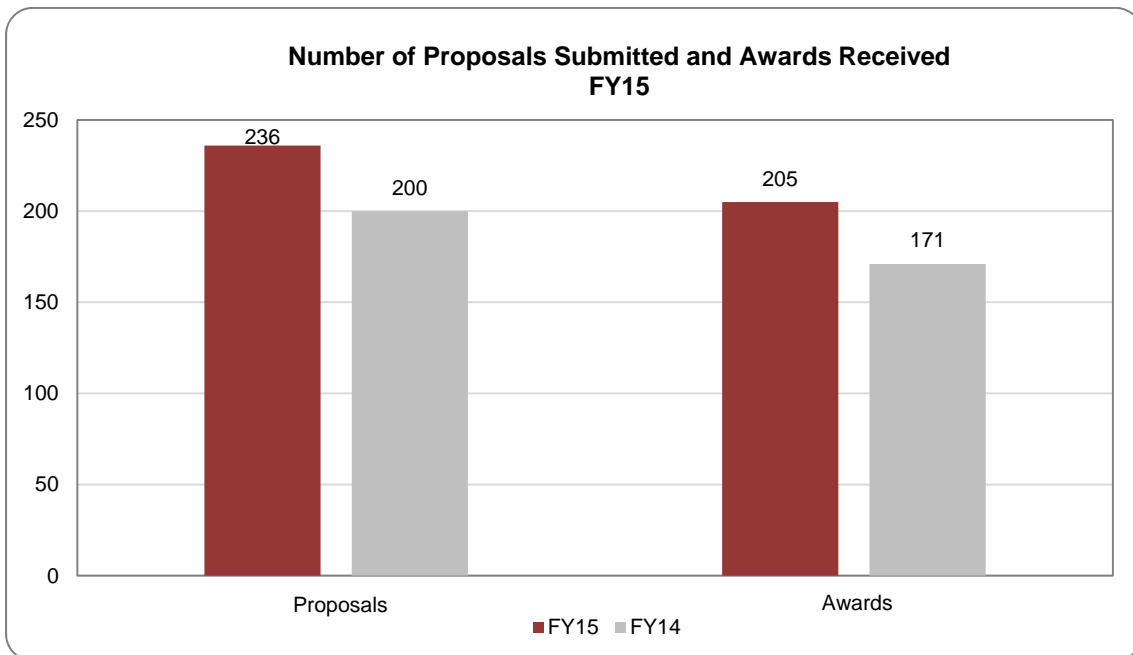
Summary of Award Activity for the Past Year

Funding Overview

Fiscal year 2015 (FY15) saw an increase in sponsored programs activity as WKU submitted 236 proposals for \$56,956,653 in external funding. Funds requested augment internal resources to promote research, instruction, outreach and other types of externally-funded activities on campus.

A total of 205 awards for a total of \$21,467,966 were received during FY15. This compares with 172 awards received in FY14 totaling \$20,913,079.





Funding Agencies

Federal

Awards from the federal government totaled \$9,962,091 comprising 46% of the total amount received in FY15. This year, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) was the leading funder both in terms of total awards (15) and total dollars (\$1,776,165). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) also provided WKU with significant funding for projects totaling \$1,662,776.

State

In FY15, state agencies supported projects worth \$2,386,558. It is important to note that state agencies also channeled significant federal funding to WKU in the form of pass-through awards. These totals are captured under the federal totals since the federal government is the primary source of funding.

Private/Non-Profit

Private/non-profit agencies provided awards totaling \$5,318,508. This represents numerous individuals working in collaboration with private sources to offer a myriad of services, many of which involve research and other experiences for undergraduate and graduate students.

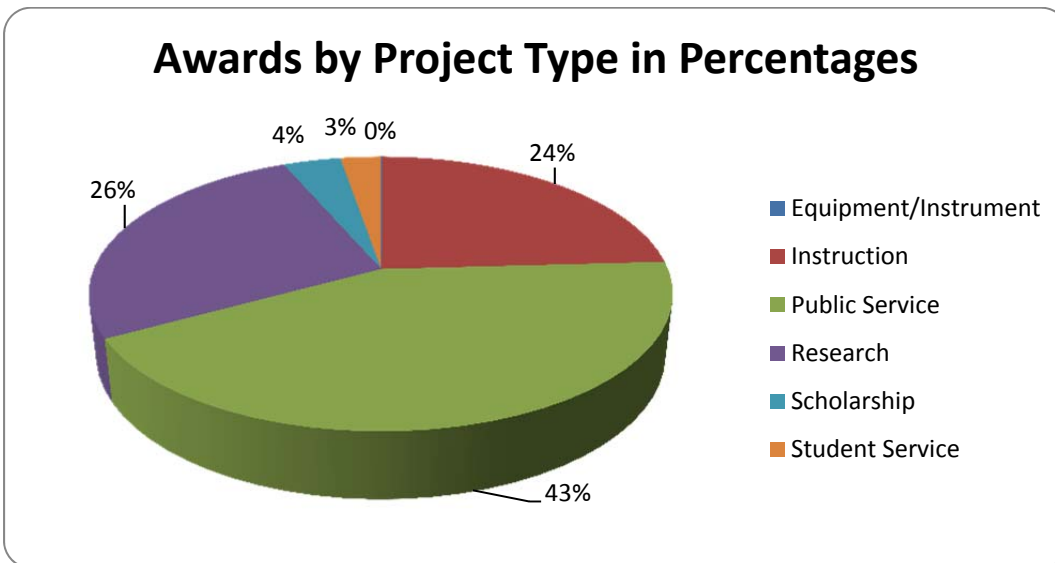
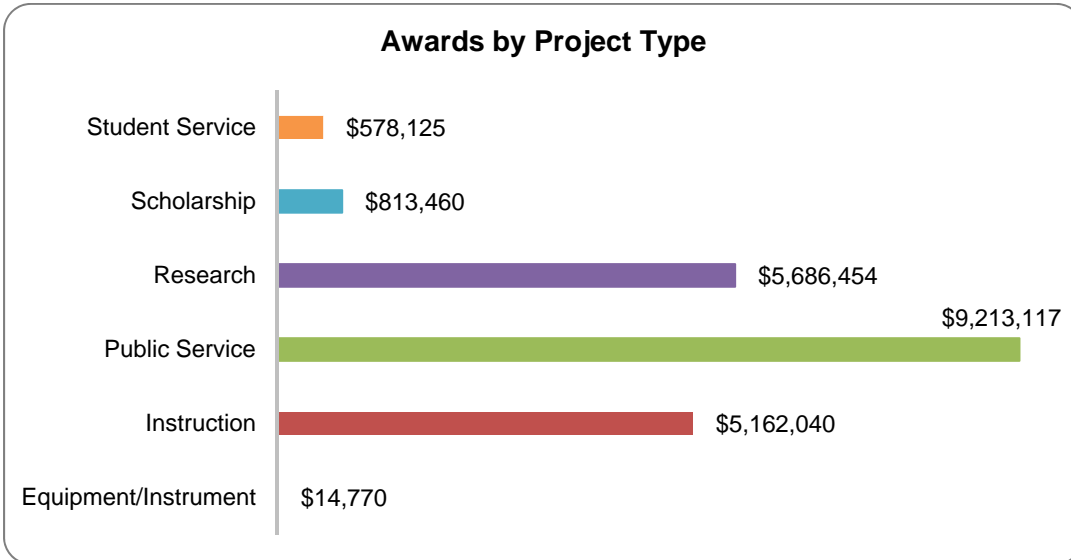
Awards by Sponsor Type	Dollar Amount	Number of Awards
Federal	\$ 9,962,091	107
State	\$ 2,386,558	37
Local	\$ 83,310	9
Private	\$ 5,318,507	49
International	\$ 3,717,500	3
TOTAL	\$ 21,467,966	205

Award Activity by College

Awards range by research, public service/outreach, continuing education and instruction.

Awards by Colleges and Other Units	Dollar Amount	Number of Awards
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences	\$5,739,547	34
College of Health & Human Services	\$1,634,486	35
Gordon Ford College of Business	\$124,992	4
Ogden College of Science & Engineering	\$9,988,115	96
Potter College of Arts & Letters	\$180,302	8
University College	\$526,565	7
Other Units	\$3,273,959	21
TOTAL	\$21,467,966	205

Awards by Activity and Project Type



Note: Grant proposals submitted in one fiscal year are not always awarded in the same fiscal year. Therefore, direct comparisons should not be made between the number of proposals submitted and the number of awards received in a given fiscal year, nor the amount requested and the amount received.

Internal Grant Programs

Research & Creative Activities Program

RCAP provides internal grants to eligible WKU faculty to support individual or collaborative research, scholarly and/or creative projects.

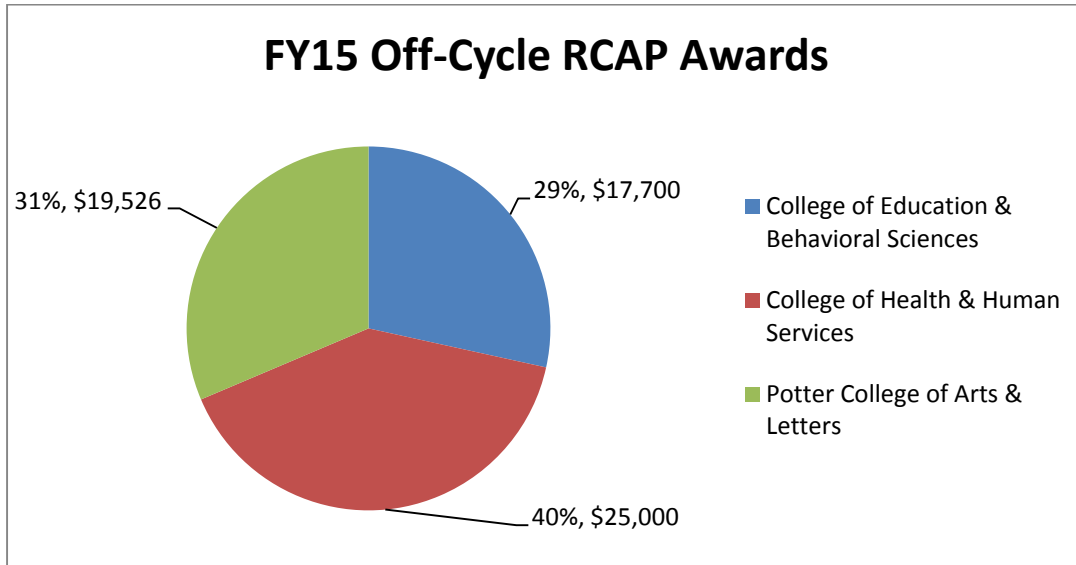
Eligible faculty apply for funding through two program categories:

- **Category I** – awards up to \$16,000 per application with the stated objective of enhancing the competitiveness of a proposal for external grant funding.
- **Category II** – awards up to \$8,000 per application to support the general development, expansion, or enhancement of faculty research and scholarly activity.

To foster both inter-collegiate and external multidisciplinary collaborations, each category is divided into three program tracks:

- Track S (**S**ingular): A single, focused research, scholarly, or creative project
- Track C (inter-**C**ollegiate): Collaborations between two or more WKU colleges
- Track E (**E**xternal/inter-institutional): Collaborations with other institutions

In FY15, RCAP suspended its annual call for proposals as the program shifted from a Fall to Spring submission deadline. In lieu of a competitive funding cycle, faculty from all colleges were invited to submit “off-cycle” requests for time-sensitive funding needs. Awards totaling \$62,226 were made during FY15* with the annual competitive RCAP cycle resuming in FY16.



	CEBS	CHHS	PCAL	Total
RCAP I	1			1
RCAP II		1	4	5

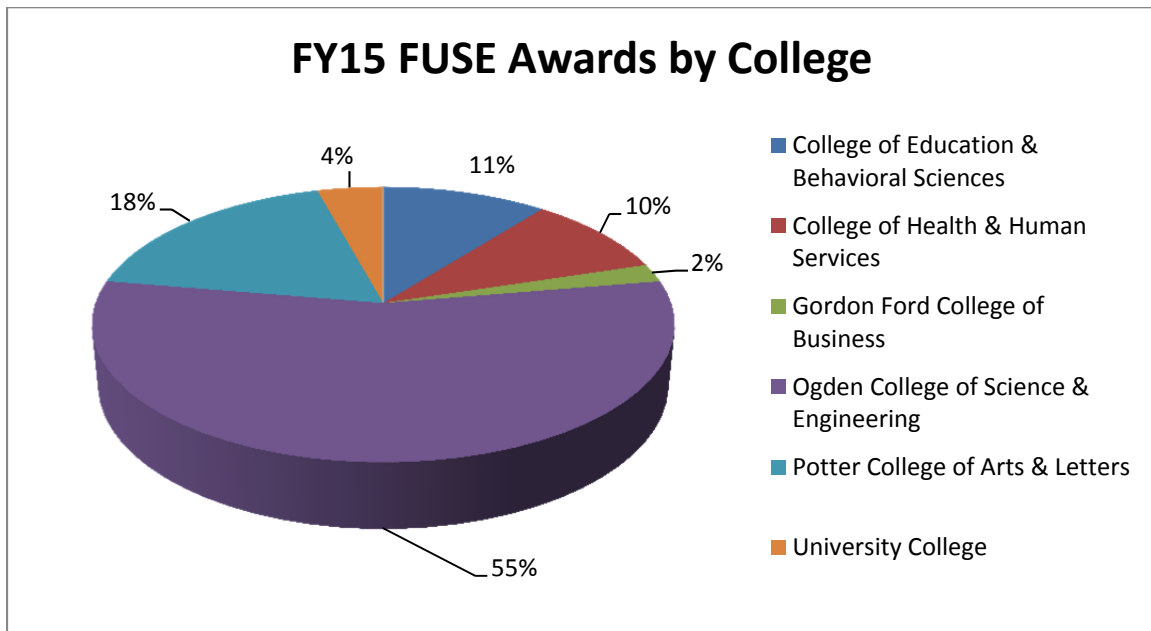
*All awards were made in the **Track S** (Singular) program.

Faculty-Undergraduate Student Engagement (FUSE)

Undergraduate students interested in research, creative and scholarly works, or artistic performances can apply to receive funding to explore ways to enrich lives while working with a faculty mentor. FUSE grants provide a mechanism to promote and expand undergraduate learning beyond the classroom. The research and creative activities conducted by WKU students will open a world of opportunities as they graduate and move on to fulfill their dreams.

A student FUSE award consists of the following:

- Up to \$3,000 that can be used as follows:
 - project-related expenses
 - student to travel to a conference to present results of the work
 - travel for the mentor to accompany the student to that conference
 - *International FUSE projects receive an additional \$1,000*
- Scholarship for tuition for the one-hour course
- \$500 awarded to the student upon successful completion of the project
- \$1,000 from college to department of the faculty mentor – \$500 for faculty's professional development and \$500 for the department to incentivize student-faculty research



2015 Student Research Conference

The 45th Annual Student Research Conference held on March 28, 2015, on the WKU campus showcased over 350 student research topics.