Great Faculty Grant

Purpose
The purpose of GREAT’s Faculty Grant is to increase student-mentor collaboration in research-related activities. This grant provides additional funding through an annual grant competition for active graduate student mentors. GREAT Mentors are invited to submit research proposals delineating the role of the graduate student and the viability of the proposed research. Grant proposals will be solicited during the Spring Semester each year of the project.

Level of Support
A maximum of $6,300.00 will be award per grant. Pending approval, from the funding agency, a total of ten (10) Faculty Grants will be awarded for 2014.

Uses of Funds
Funds may be used to cover expenses, including conference travel, laboratory equipment needs, and supplies associated with data collection. Faculty funded release time or direct payment is not an eligible use of funds.

Research Proposals
Research proposals will be evaluated by the GREAT Advisory Council based on theoretical motivation, empirical feasibility, and graduate student involvement. Research proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Level of involvement of graduate student.
2. Intellectual merit of the proposal and clearly delineated broader impacts,
3. The feasibility of completing the research activity before October 1, 2014.

Research Proposal Format
Research proposals should not exceed two single-spaced typed pages, and should contain the following information:

1. Statement of the research question.
2. Discussion of the importance of the research question.
3. Delineate graduate student involvement.
4. Research methodology.
5. Possible outcomes or conclusions about the proposed research.

Research Proposal Deadline
Research proposals should be submitted by 11:59 PM, Monday, September 30, 2014 via email to rheredia@tamiu.edu, and vela@tamiu.edu. Grant awards will be announced on Monday, October 7, 2014. Awarded funds must be spent by September 30, 2014.

Final Research Report
A written academic report will be required (Due date Monday, November 7, 2014). Faculty and students are encouraged to publish/disseminate their research results through normal academic outlets—journals, conference proceedings, and presentations. Grant recipients are required to acknowledge the grant in any published publications.

For additional information on GREAT Faculty Grant Program, contact Lupita Vela (956) 3226-3116 (email: vela@tamiu.edu) or Roberto R. Heredia at (956) 326-2637 (email: rheredia@tamiu.edu).

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