

Colleagues:

Beginning this fall, the Office of Research will redirect some of our intramural investments to support the new Research Strategic Plan, which was completed last year in collaboration with a faculty Steering Committee and with input from the University community. In particular, we will not compete the Research Seed Funding Program. This program as well as its predecessor, the Multidisciplinary Seed Funding Program, provided support for over 50 faculty projects since 2005. Of all of our intramural programs, though, it has had the lowest return on investment. With advice from faculty, we will develop replacement programs that more directly support implementation of the Research Strategic Plan during the upcoming academic year.

The Office of Research will continue to support individual faculty with the Summer Research Fellowship Program (SRFP), the Faculty Proposal Preparation Program (FP3) and the Junior Faculty Research Mentoring Program. We anticipate increasing the funding for those programs. For more information about how to apply and the next round of deadlines, please consult our website:

<http://www.odu.edu/facultystaff/research/funding/opportunities/intramural-funding>.

We look forward to working with you to promote and expand opportunities for fundamental and applied research, scholarship, and creative activities at Old Dominion University.

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