All forms can be downloaded at URC website
https://www.kent.edu/research/university-research-council

Please note: requests seeking reimbursement for research or travel that has already occurred will not be considered.

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Meetings
University Research Council generally meets once per month during the academic year and does not meet during the summer. Proposals should be submitted by the first week of the month to pkramer@kent.edu in order to be reviewed at that month’s meeting.

Fall meeting schedule:
Sept 25  Nov 20
Oct 23  Dec 11

Role and Mission
URC’s mission is to foster and stimulate the research mission of the University by studying and recommending policies; recommending priorities for support; recommending faculty research appointments and publicizing research efforts at the University. The URC consists of 12 faculty members representing the various scholarly disciplines of the University.

Types of Activities Supported by URC

Full time tenured, tenure track, Emeritus and NTT faculty with graduate faculty status are eligible to apply for support.

The activity must fit a definition of research that includes original contributions to knowledge and other valuable creative activities, such as those in the fine arts and music, not directly related to teaching. Among the activities NOT suitable for support from URC funds are various kinds of public and professional service outside the University for which a faculty member may be compensated; preparation of textbooks that do not make a direct and significant contribution to knowledge; attendance at workshops and training seminars; and practice to maintain or develop a skill utilized in teaching.

Research Travel Support
Applications for travel support must show how the travel will further research efforts or extramural funding. The least expensive and most practical mode of transportation must be chosen. Full reimbursement by URC cannot be expected, especially for large amounts. State regulations prohibit travel advances, but airfare may be purchased and reimbursed in advance. The URC does not cover the cost of meals during research trips. NOTE: No University sponsored travel can be approved during the current academic year due to pandemic.

Conference Travel Support
The URC can provide up to $750 for one domestic or international conference per year (July 1-June 30). This support is to assist in the dissemination of research and scholarship and is not for attendance at workshops. Temporary and part time faculty are eligible to request conference travel support. NOTE: No University sponsored travel can be approved during the current academic year due to pandemic. Virtual or remote registrations can be supported.

Publication of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity
Funds may be requested for copying manuscripts, purchase of reprints, permission and copyright fees, page charges, and indexing. With limitations, the URC also considers requests for publication subventions. See Subvention Policy listed separately.

Copy Support
The URC will support the costs of having the final draft of a monograph or book length manuscript copied or for data copied at a library.

Page Charge Support
If page charges are required for publication of article, the URC will pay one-third the costs with the assurance that the author has made provision for payment of the other two-thirds.

Reprint Support
The URC will support one-half the cost of the first 100 reprints of an article, based upon the assurance that the other half is being paid by the department or other sources. The URC does not support Open Access charges.

Computer Equipment Support
In general, the URC does not fund requests for computer support. In exceptional circumstances the URC will consider requests for computer equipment, up to a maximum of $2,500. The computer must be used only for scholarly activity, not editing or printing of manuscripts/articles or storage of data. In many cases it is likely to be specialized equipment that could not be adapted for multi-purpose use and is necessary to support ongoing research that may lead to extramural funding.

Development of Extramural Funding
Support for discussions with program officers and other funding agency personnel on specific proposal, project or program matters may be requested.
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<td>In the interest of ensuring that undergraduate and graduate education reinforce each other to create an optimal learning environment, the URC encourages Research, Scholarship and Creative activity proposals from faculty that actively involve undergraduate students. An additional $1,000, up to a maximum of $3,500, may be sought with the stipulation that the student(s) provide a 1 page thesis statement of objectives and expected outcomes from their participation. Additionally, the faculty member must describe how the student will play a substantive role in the project.</td>
<td>Research demonstrates that students learn best by doing or participating directly in hands-on activities, scholarly endeavors, or creative activities. As part of the University’s AQIP Undergraduate Research Project, the Undergraduate Research Scholars program will provide undergraduates with grants of up to $500 to engage in authentic research, scholarship or creative activity under the guidance of a faculty mentor to enrich their learning experience. Priority will be given to degree-seeking students. Mentors may be TT/T, NTT or adjunct faculty members. The application must be written by the undergraduate with guidance from the faculty mentor. The mentor must approve the application before submission.</td>
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<td>In the interest of promoting and providing time for faculty scholarship, particularly work that may increase chances for extramural funding, each Fall the URC invites proposals for either a 10-week appointment during the summer or for one semester during the academic year at full pay. Full time tenure track and NTT faculty are eligible. The summer appointment carries a $10,000 stipend. Faculty may not receive awards in consecutive years. Proposals are reviewed by screening committees chaired by URC members and comprised of faculty members in the following clusters of disciplines: Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Professional Schools; Arts; Humanities; and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The proposal and condensed CV should be submitted electronically to Peggy Kramer in the Research and Sponsored Programs Office by 5:00 the first Monday of October. <a href="mailto:pkramer@kent.edu">pkramer@kent.edu</a> A report of accomplishments is due by Sep. 15 following the appointment period.</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary proposals are accepted in the Summer Research appointment competition that are authored by two faculty members in different academic units. The proposal, if recommended for an award, provides a stipend or released time for each faculty member. To be considered for funding the proposal must describe a project in which both faculty members contribute in approximate equal measure. The proposal must clearly describe the contribution each faculty member will make toward the successful completion of the project. This modality is implemented to promote, support and nurture interdisciplinary research activities at KSU. The expected outcomes of such projects must include, but are not necessarily limited to, publications, presentations at professional meetings, and the preparation of a proposal for submission to an external funding agency.</td>
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<td>Formerly known as the Distinguished Scholar Award, these awards are intended to honor Kent State’s finest researchers and scholars. Recipients are selected based on the quality of their research and its impact on society. Any member of the KSU community, including faculty, emeriti, staff, students and alumni, may nominate any KSU faculty member, except those who have previously received a Distinguished Scholar award.</td>
<td>• <strong>Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award Recipients:</strong>&lt;br&gt; o Mahwish Chishty, M.F.A.&lt;br&gt; o Joseph D. Ortiz, Ph.D.&lt;br&gt; o Timothy V. Rasinski, Ph.D. &lt;br&gt; • <strong>Outstanding New Faculty Research and Scholarship Award Recipients:</strong>&lt;br&gt; o Elizabeth M. Herndon, Ph.D.&lt;br&gt; o Karl W. Kosko, Ph.D.&lt;br&gt; o Joseph L. Underwood, Ph.D.</td>
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