



Texas Comprehensive Research Fund

Purpose

The Texas Comprehensive Research Fund can only be used for activities at eligible general academic teaching institutions “that promote increased research capacity” at the institution (Texas Education Code § 62.097).

Policy

The Comprehensive Research Program (CRP) at Stephen F. Austin State University uses these funds to directly support the university’s research agenda and to increase competitiveness in acquiring external funds for research and development.

Therefore, use of CRP funds will be limited to research and development activities as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter G, Rule § 13.122):

- Research means “a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied.”
- Development means “the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.”
- Curriculum development activities are also eligible for funding when “the primary purpose of the project is developing and testing an instructional or educational model through appropriate research methodologies (i.e., data collection, evaluation, dissemination, and publication).”

CRP funds cannot be used to supplant funds for research activities or to purchase or maintain equipment supported by other sources.

In the expenditure of CRP funds, recipients are subject to all university policies and procedures, and local, state, and federal regulations.

Before initiating research that involves human subjects, vertebrate animals, or hazardous materials, researchers must obtain written approval from the chair of the appropriate university board or committee.

Recipients of CRP funds must meet deadlines for deliverables, including annual reports, as required by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS).

Publications resulting from the CRP will acknowledge the source of funds as the Stephen F. Austin State University Comprehensive Research Program. Copies of publications will be



submitted to ORGS and the Center for Digital Scholarship in the Steen Library.

Deans submit requests for CRP funds on behalf of their faculty and research staff to the director of ORGS who makes awards based on criteria established by the director and the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. For awards of \$50,000 or greater, the director makes recommendations for funding to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

Tex. Educ. Code §§ 62.091-.098

19 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 13.120 - .127

SFA HOP 02-408 Human Research Subjects Protection

SFA HOP 02-410 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

SFA HOP 02-413 Recombinant DNA and/or Infectious Biohazards in Teaching and Research

Responsible Executive

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Forms

None

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