



Funding Principles used in the Office of the Vice President (Research and Innovation) [OVPRI]

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The Office of the Vice President (Research and Innovation) administers several programs that have their own specific funding application forms, terms of reference or guidelines, details of which can be found [here](#). The OVPRI provides limited strategic funding for research projects beyond those specified programs. When that is possible, the following principles are taken into account in funding decisions:

1. Request for funding needs to come from Faculty - from the Dean or Associate/Vice Dean (Research) rather than from individual researchers. Requests should make clear how the project fits in with priorities of the Faculty (or College) and what support the project has already received from department, faculty, college, or other sources.
2. Request should be tied to strategic priorities of the University (eg, University Strategic Research and Innovation Plan, UofA Strategic Plan, Equity Diversity and Inclusivity Plan, Institutional Indigenous Strategic Plan) and can also be linked to strategic priorities of College, Faculty and Department, but for OVPRI to support a request, it should link to University strategic priorities.
3. Requests should show how OVPRI support, if given, will lead to external funding, external recognition, and/or external engagement with the community in strong and direct ways.
4. Funding, if given, whether in-kind or in cash, may be to match amounts already given by the Faculty but will generally not exceed amounts already given by Faculty.
5. Priority will be given to projects in which funding is required from the institution as part of an application for an external research funding opportunity.
6. Priority will be given to researchers whose projects support strategic goals of the University, to early career researchers, and to those whose work aligns with goals in the University's strategic plans for Indigenous Initiatives and Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity. Equity considerations will also be taken into account as OVPRI decisions are made regarding funding.
7. Researchers who receive support from the OVPRI should appropriately acknowledge the support from OVPRI in their works of knowledge dissemination tied to that project.



Any requests for funding should be submitted by the Associate/Vice Dean (Research) to:
vpresearch@ualberta.ca.

Sincerely,

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