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Faculty of Arts
Dean of Arts Faculty Research Award

TERMS OF REFERENCE & INSTRUCTIONS

The Faculty of Arts is pleased to announce the fourth year of the Dean of Arts Faculty Research Awards for Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors in the Faculty of Arts. These awards are to allow research faculty one semester to concentrate entirely on research without teaching or administrative duties.

Description

As it is no longer possible to use SSHRC Insight and NSERC Discovery grants to fund teaching releases, there are few opportunities for researchers to have time away from teaching and administration to concentrate on conducting intensive research or completing research projects.

This award will enable the successful applicant to have one semester away from teaching and administration duties to undertake only research.

The award will fund the costs of hiring one or two sessional lecturers to teach up to two courses that the faculty member would normally teach in a single semester, and we would expect the department/unit to relieve the faculty member of all administrative duties during this semester.

Although we are aware of the constraints and obligations under the Collective Agreement, we would ask (but not require) that Department Heads use these funds, where possible, to hire appropriately qualified graduate students as instructors as a means of providing professional development experience.

In the current competition, an award will be made at each rank (Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor). As these are expected to be highly competitive, these awards can be held only once every five years.

Terms of Award

These awards are to enable faculty members to devote 100% of their time to research for one academic semester. This research can be associated with starting a new research project, conducting intensive research, or completing an existing project.

The adjudication committee will consider the following criteria when evaluating proposals: timeliness of the award for an individual researcher; plan for meeting research objectives in the time available; significance of the outlined research project and anticipated outcomes; and research track record relative to career stage.

The funding consists only of salary costs associated with hiring sessional lecturers to teach two courses that the faculty member would normally teach that semester (up to \$15,000, paid directly to the department). There are no additional research or travel related funds available.

- Faculty members can hold this award only once every five years.
- Awardees will need to confirm that they will remain at UBC for 12 months beyond the award period.
- Awards must be used in the Fall or Spring semester within one academic year of the date the grant was awarded.
- Applicants do not necessarily need to be based at UBC during this semester.

Application Procedures

Please submit a current UBC C.V. and a completed application form, which must be signed by your Department/Unit Head, and submit it to Heather Joan Tam by **March 10th, 2017**.

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Adjudication of awards will be undertaken by a multi-disciplinary committee chaired by the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies (Matthew Evenden). Notification of awards will be made in April 2017 and can be used for the Fall (September to December 2017) or Spring (January to April 2018) semesters.

For queries related to this award please contact [Heather Joan Tam](#).

The 2017-2018 application form is available [here](#).