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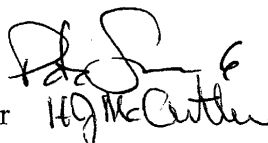
University Research Council

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellors, Deans, Directors,  
and Department Chairs

FROM: Peter V. Garrod, Co-Chair  
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SUBJECT: TRAVEL FUNDS AND PROGRAM PROJECTS HANDLED BY THE  
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL

Pending availability of funds, the following are the deadlines for the various programs for the 2008 Fall semester.

The University Research Council supports **FACULTY TRAVEL** to professional conferences to present new results of the faculty member's research and scholarship. A subcommittee of the Research Council meets every two weeks throughout the year. Travel applications submitted to the Research Council less than 4 weeks before anticipated departure will not be accepted. *Please note: No applications for travel after December 31, 2008 will be accepted.*

There are **no funds available** for **SEED MONEY** for this fiscal year.

The Research Council also provides support for research and scholarly activities in disciplines which do not normally enjoy significant external funding under the **RESEARCH RELATIONS FUND**. The maximum is \$5,000 per project but the average award is usually considerably less. Deadline: **Friday, October 31, 2008.**

**SPECIAL FUND FOR INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE WORK** - The University Research Council will administer funds made available by the President and the Chancellor for support of faculty in disciplines that traditionally have not had access to major extramural funding. The deadline for proposals will be on **Friday, November 14, 2008.**

The Research Council also is soliciting nominations for the **EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARDS**. Three awards are made annually. Usually one each at the Full Professor/Researcher, Associate Professor/Associate Researcher, and Assistant Professor/Assistant Researcher levels, however, the URC has the option of changing the distribution. Also, not all awards have to be made in a given year. At this stage only a complete curriculum vitae of the nominee and a one

page synthesis of the nominee's contribution to the field are to be submitted. Any faculty member at the University of Hawai'i's System is eligible for nomination. Nominations are due on **Friday, November 28, 2008.**

The Research Council also is soliciting nominations for the **RCUH STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARDS**. Each award consists of a certificate and \$500. Awards at different degree levels (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral) are available. Candidates must be nominated by their faculty advisor. Nominations are due by **Friday, January 30, 2009.**

The URC is also soliciting applications for the **UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH AWARDS**. Established by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education, this program encourages and supports research by undergraduate students. For the purpose of this award, research is a broad category of academic endeavor that includes empirical investigation, scholarly study in the humanities, artistic performance, and creative activities. The University Research Council anticipates conferring up to 30 awards to qualified students. The typical amount of the award is around \$3,000, which will provide a stipend and cover expenses related to research and travel, if such is required to complete the proposed project. The project must be completed within the summer for which funding is sought and before graduation. Applications are due on **Monday, December 15, 2008.**

#### **HUMANITIES CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

The Humanities Council announces the availability of funds to help pay the costs of speakers at conferences in the Humanities hosted by any UH campus in 2008 or 2009. Only one application for each conference may be submitted each year. The maximum amount that can be awarded is \$5,000, but because of our limited funds, the actual award may be less. Because of restrictions imposed by donors, only the costs of speakers can be funded. Priority will be given to travel costs over honoraria, and priority will be given to speakers whose talks will be free and open to the general public rather than being limited to those who pay a conference registration fee.

Application deadline is **Wednesday, October 1, 2008.**

Guidelines and application forms for all of the above programs are available from the University Research Council, Spalding 357 or by calling ext. 64053. Please bring these programs to the attention of your faculty and encourage them to apply. Application forms and guidelines can also be found at <http://www.hawaii.edu/urc>

c: University Research Council Members  
Humanities Council Members