Proposals Submitted & Awarded
FY 2020-2021

The Grants Flyer includes:
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EXTERNAL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Total Proposals Submitted $7,594,763 (43 proposals)

College of Arts & Sciences
Total Proposals Submitted $4,169,014 (25 proposals)

Dr. Benjamin Bishop, Computing Science and Dr. Robert Spalletta, Physics/EE, Adapting subterranean robotics to anthracite mine fires. Appalachian Regional Commission, $413,456.

Dr. Arthur Catino, Chemistry and Alexis Curtis (Undergraduate Student), Development of a Three-Component Domino Addition/Cyclization Reaction for the Synthesis of Triarylmethanes (TRAMs), Pennsylvania Academy of Science, $750.

Dr. Arthur Catino, Chemistry and Kaila Steenback (Undergraduate Student), Synthesis of Tetraarylmethanes via the Truce-Smiles Rearrangement, Pennsylvania Academy of Science, $750.

Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology, Freshwater microbial communities associated with natural debris and the Aquatic Resource for High-Frequency Underwater Research (ARTHUR) at Lake Lacawac Biological Field Station and Environmental Education Center, Lacawac Sanctuary, $2,735.

Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology, Physiological heterogeneity of plastic-associated microbial communities in freshwater Lake Lacawac, National Science Foundation, $689,727.

Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology, Preliminary investigation of the physiological and functional heterogeneity of microbial communities associated with plastic and natural debris in freshwater Lake Lacawac, Charles E. Kaufmann Foundation, $117,961.

Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Arthur Catino and Dr. Nicholas Sizemore, Chemistry, MRI: Acquisition of a 400 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer to Advance Research and Student Research Training at the University of Scranton, National Science Foundation, $431,751.

Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, Physics/EE, Dr. Phillip Erickson (MIT), and Dr. Travis Atkinson (University of Alabama), Enabling Space Weather Research with Global Scale Amateur Radio Datasets, NASA, $481,260.

Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, Physics/EE, CAREER: Amateur Radio as a Tool for Studying Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances and Atmosphere-Ionosphere Coupling, National Science Foundation, $616,054.
Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, Physics/EE and Dr. Emma Bland (The University Centre in Svalbard) *New Space Weather Applications for High Frequency Radars*, Norwegian Research Council under a subcontract to The University Centre in Svalbard, $23,079.

Dr. Christopher Hauser, Philosophy, *Summer PWOL Course Redesign*, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (through the University of Notre Dame), $3,999.


Dr. Michael Jenkins, Sociology/CJ & Criminology, and Dr. Sinchul Back, Sociology/CJ & Criminology, *GenCyber – Royals Cyber-Intelligence Camp*, GenCyber, $60,605.

Dr. Christie Karpiak, Psychology, Dr. Stacey Muir, Mathematics, Dr. Declan Mulhall, Physics/EE, and Dr. Janice Voltzow, Biology, *New to IUSE: EHR DCL: Comparison of brief targeted interventions for engagement and persistence in introductory STEM course sequences*, National Science Foundation, $210,068.


Dr. Cyrus Olsen, Theology/RS, *Anti-Racism Training for Faculty and Administration*, Lilly Fellows Program, $3,000.

Dr. Ann Pang-White, Asian Studies, and Dr. Yamile Silva, World Languages and Cultures, *Chinese Language and Culture Program (Collaboration of UofS Asian Studies Program, Department of World Languages and Cultures, CAS, and Provost Office)*, Taiwan Ministry of Education, $16,230.

Dr. Charles Pinches, Theology/RS, *“Encouraging Students’ Vocational Reflection, beginning in the First-Year Seminar and extending beyond through Mentoring Relationships”*, NetVue, $47,635.

Dr. Alex Rudniy, Computing Science, Dr. Maria Elena Oliveri (University of Nebraska), Dr. Jennifer Randall (University of Massachusetts) and Dr. David Slomp (University of Lethbridge) *Improving the Workplace English Communication Skills through Antiracist, Linguistically Affirming Next-Generation Formative Assessment Systems*, US Department of Educations, $160,846.

Dr. Yamile Silva, World Languages and Cultures, *Summer Stipends*, National Endowment for Humanities, $6,000.

Dr. Katherine Stumpo, Chemistry, Dr. Timothy Foley, Chemistry, Dr. Spencer Galen, Chemistry, Dr. Patrick Orr, Psychology, and Dr. Robert Smith, Biology, *MRI: Acquisition of a MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometer for Research and Teaching at a PUI*, National Science Foundation, $423,374.


*Dr. Janice Voltzow*, Biology, *Excellence in STEM*, Sanofi, $20,000.

**Kania School of Management**  
*Total Proposals Submitted $278,106 (3 proposals)*

*Dr. Douglas Boyle*, Accounting, *Business High School Scholars Program*, Procter & Gamble, $12,000.


Dr. Ahmed Gomaa, Operations and Information Management, and Dr. Satya Chattopadhyay, Management, Marketing & Entrepreneurship, *Open Startup Morocco*, Department of State, $251,106.

**Panuska College of Professional Studies**  
*Total Proposals Submitted $2,409,409 (3 proposals)*

*Dr. Debra Pellegrino*, Panuska College of Professional Studies Dean's Office, and Dr. Hope Baylow, Health and Human Performance, *The Speech and Hearing Sciences Lab*, Moses Taylor Foundation, $20,000.

*Dr. Debra Pellegrino*, Panuska College of Professional Studies Dean's Office, *Supporting and Expanding Professional Education and Training to Enhance ASD Services*, AllOne Foundation, $248,032

Dr. Margarete Zalon, Dr. Mary Jane DiMattio, and Dr. Marian Farrell, Nursing, *Creating Connection: Increasing Diversity in NEPA’s Nursing Workforce*, Health Resources and Services Administration, $2,141,377.


*Dr. Andrea Mantione*, Leahy Community Health Center, *University of Success*, Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, $15,000.

*Dr. Andrea Mantione*, Leahy Community Health Center, *University of Success*, Overlook Estate Foundation, $4,000.


*Pat Vaccaro*, Center for Service & Social Justice, *We Care Wednesday Program*, Scranton Area Foundation, $8,943.
EXTERNAL PROPOSALS AWARDED

Total Proposals Awarded $2,172,242 (23 awards)

College of Arts & Sciences
Total Proposals Awarded $1,755,451 (13 awards)

Dr. Arthur Catino, Chemistry and Alexis Curtis (Undergraduate Student), Development of a Three-Component Domino Addition/Cyclization Reaction for the Synthesis of Triarylmethanes (TRAMs), Pennsylvania Academy of Science, $750.

Dr. Arthur Catino, Chemistry and Kaila Steenback (Undergraduate Student), Synthesis of Tetraarylmethanes via the Truce-Smiles Rearrangement, Pennsylvania Academy of Science, $750.

Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology, Freshwater microbial communities associated with natural debris and the Aquatic Resource for High-Frequency Underwater Research (ARTHUR) at Lake Lacawac Biological Field Station and Environmental Education Center, Lacawac Sanctuary, $2,735.

Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology, Physiological heterogeneity of plastic-associated microbial communities in freshwater Lake Lacawac, National Science Foundation, $198,265.

Dr. Michael Fennie, Dr. Arthur Catino and Dr. Nicholas Sizemore, Chemistry, MRI: Acquisition of a 400 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer to Advance Research and Student Research Training at the University of Scranton, National Science Foundation, $362,773.

Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, Physics/EE, Dr. Phillip Erickson (MIT), and Dr. Travis Atkison (University of Alabama), Enabling Space Weather Research with Global Scale Amateur Radio Datasets, NASA, $481,260.

Dr. Nathaniel Frissell, Physics/EE, CAREER: Amateur Radio as a Tool for Studying Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances and Atmosphere-Ionosphere Coupling, National Science Foundation, $616,054.

Dr. Christopher Hauser, Philosophy, Summer PWOL Course Redesign, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (through the University of Notre Dame), $3,999.

Dr. Darlene Miller-Lanning, Hope Horn Gallery, 2021-2022 PPA Program Stream, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, $2,000.

Dr. Cyrus Olsen, Theology/RS, Anti-Racism Training for Faculty and Administration, Lilly Fellows Program, $3,000.
Dr. Ann Pang-White, Asian Studies, and Dr. Yamile Silva, World Languages and Cultures, Chinese Language and Culture Program (Collaboration of UofS Asian Studies Program, Department of World Languages and Cultures, CAS, and Provost Office), Taiwan Ministry of Education, $16,230.

Dr. Charles Pinches, Theology/RS, “Encouraging Students’ Vocational Reflection, beginning in the First-Year Seminar and extending beyond through Mentoring Relationships”, NetVue, $47,635

*Dr. Janice Voltzow, Biology, Excellence in STEM, Sanofi, $20,000.

Panuska College of Professional Studies
Total Proposals Awarded $20,000 (1 award)

*Dr. Debra Pellegrino, Panuska College of Professional Studies Dean's Office, and Dr. Hope Baylow, Health and Human Performance, The Speech and Hearing Sciences Lab, Moses Taylor Foundation, $20,000.

Staff
Total Proposals Awarded $396,791 (9 awards)

*Mary Kay Aston, Financial Aid, The James P. Sweeney S. J. Family Outreach Fund, MetLife Foundation, $10,000.


Julie Cohen, Community Relations, Scranton's Story, Our Nation's Story, National Endowment for Humanities, $152,791.

*Julie Cohen, Community Relations, Steam Projects for School and Community Groups, Walmart, $500.

*Dr. Andrea Mantione, Leahy Community Health Center, University of Success, Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, $15,000.

*Dr. Andrea Mantione, Leahy Community Health Center, University of Success, Overlook Estate Foundation, $4,000.

*Edward Steinmetz, Treasurer's Office, Univ of Scranton COVID19 Recovery Project, Wells Fargo Foundation, $10,000.

*Pat Vaccaro*, Center for Service & Social Justice, *We Care Wednesday Program*, Scranton Area Foundation, $2,000.
FALL 2020 INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AWARDS

Dr. Timothy Foley, Chemistry, Redox Targeting of Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase in Cancer Cells, $2,000.

Dr. Joshua Reynolds, Psychology, Probing the Accuracy of Profiling: Fire or Smoke?, $2,000.

Dr. Brian Snee, Communication, The Lincoln Blitz: Hollywood, WWII & the America First Movement, $1,836.40.

Dr. Katherine Stumpo, Chemistry, Mass Spectrometry Research: A study in several parts, $2,000.

Dr. Lori Walton, Dr. Renee Hakim, and Dr. Jennifer Schwartz, Physical Therapy, Validation of the Complex Trauma Scale (CTI), International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ), SF-12, Cohen Hoberman’s Inventory of Physical Symptoms (CHIPS) and the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS) in Swahili and Nepali Language for Use in Refugee Populations, $3,000.

Total Amount: $10,836.40
SPRING 2021 INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AWARDS

Dr. Ashley Driver, Biology, Establishing a CRISPR pipeline to characterize the role of cholesterol biosynthesis enzymes in mammalian cells, $2,000.

Dr. Vincent Farallo, Biology, Physiological and Behavioral Ecology of Plethodontid Salamanders, $2,000.

Dr. Spencer Gallen, Biology, A deep-sequencing approach to understanding wildlife disease prevalence and diversity in the eastern United States, $2,000.

Dr. Ozgur Isil, Dr. Rose Sebastianelli, and Dr. Nabil Tamimi, Operations and Analytics, Drivers of Firms’ Climate Change Responsiveness: Assessing Regulatory and Physical Risks, $3,000.

Dr. Michael Kelley, Counseling and Human Services, Modeling Autism Interventions Using Amazon’s Mechanical Turk, $1,800.

Dr. Gary Kwiecinski, Biology, Effects of Prescribed Burns on Bat Activity at Lackawanna State Park, $2,000.

Dr. Joseph Pellegrino, Health and Human Performance, Efficacy of a health and wellness app in college students, $2,000.

Dr. Meghan Rich, Sociology/CJ & Criminology, Arts and Culture Neighborhood Theming in New Orleans: Post-Pandemic, $2,000.

Dr. Anne Royer, Biology, Developing markers for tracking sex-specific mating and dispersal patterns in NEPA rattlesnakes, $1,956.

Dr. Yamile Silva, World Languages and Cultures, A Critical Edition of Dominican Writer Abigail Mejita’s Transatlantic Journalism, $2,000.

Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Biology, The olfactory-mediated anxiety-like behavior by habenular nuclei in adult zebrafish, $2,000.

Prof. Patricia Wisniewski, Occupational Therapy, A Project-based Learning Approach to Community-based Learning: Action Research to Explore Transformative Change in 1st Year Occupational Therapy Students Awareness about Contextual Barriers, Occupational Justice, and Advocating for Community Health and Wellness, $606.

Dr. Patricia Wright and Dr. Marian Farrell, Nursing, Parental bereavement in older age, $3,000.

Total Amount: $26,362
PRESIDENT’S FELLOWSHIP FOR
SUMMER RESEARCH AWARDS 2020

Danielle Cook, Parent/Child Play, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Emily Hopkins, Psychology

Charles Dominick, The effects of a high-fat diet on acetylcholine esterase during the central nervous system (CNS) development, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Biology

Giovanni Gunawan, Biochemical and Behavioral Effects of Prenatal Acetaminophen Exposure in C57Bl/6 Mice, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Patrick Orr, Psychology

Margaret McGrath, Studying the Effects of Ambient Light at Night (ALAN) on the Natural Rhythmicity of Glucocorticoids, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Howey, Biology

Mahad Muhammad, The Effects of Tylenol on Cortical and Trabecular Bone Quantity and Morphology in Adolescent Mole Mice, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Maria Squire, Biology

Katia Ramirez, Bilingual Edition of Abigail Mejia’s work, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yamile Silva, World Languages and Cultures

Jake Selingo, Synthesis of Chiral Tetraarylmethanes, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Arthur Catino, Chemistry

Richard Terranova, The effects of social isolation on axonal pruning in the mushroom bodies of the ant “Pheidole dentata”, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marc Seid, Biology

Cara Webster, Army ant raiding as a learning tool for bat foraging behavior, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marc Seid, Biology

Sarah White, Testing maintenance of divergent “M. ringens” life histories with morphological differences, resource allocation, and inbreeding depression, $5,000.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Anne Royer, Biology

Total Amount: $50,000
RESEARCH AS HIGH IMPACT PRACTICE (rHIP) AWARDS 2020-2021

**Tommy Baran**, *Investigations into nootropics-modulated learning and memory in Procambarus clarkii*, $490
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Robert Waldeck**, Biology

Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Declan Mulhall**, Physics/EE

**Amanda Gereza**, *Axon midline pathfinding after exposure to fluoxetine in a developing vertebrate brain*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Jong-Hyun Son**, Biology

**Mia Gianello**, *Application of Mass Spectrometry Imaging on New Organs of Interest*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Katherine Stumpo**, Chemistry

**Devin Haas**, *Dynamics of a Quantum Bouncer on an Inclined with Arbitrary Angle*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Juan Serna**, Physics/EE

**Isaiah Harris**, *Analysis of Neurotransmitters and Lipids Using Mass Spectrometry*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Katherine Stumpo**, Chemistry

**Isaiah Livelsberger**, *International Disorder: The Transition from Consensus to Unilateralism and Its Implications on an Increasingly Interdependent World*, $420
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Daniel Sweeney, S.J.**, Political Science

**Laura Elizabeth Miller**, *Observation of Bacteriophage Transfer in Ants Through Trophallaxis*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Marc Seid**, Biology

**Joshua Rudolph**, *Film, Philosophy and The Frankfurt School*, $250
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Andrew LaZella**, Philosophy

**Madison Schmerder**, *The Effect of Dopamine on the Regeneration of Spinal Cord Motor Neurons in a Developing Zebrafish Brain*, $500
Faculty Mentor: **Dr. Jong-Hyun Son**, Biology
Jacob Shomali. Effects of Fluoxetine Exposure on Neurobiology and Behavior in the ant Camponotus floridanus, $500
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marc Seid, Biology

Ashley Spencer. Antimicrobial Effects of Local Pennsylvania Honey on Several Species of Opportunistic Pathogens, $500
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Bryan Crable, Biology

Gregory Venuto. The effects of caffeine on motivation to build ant colonies, $500
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marc Seid, Biology

Erin Welby. The Effects of Cholinergic Nervous System on the Development of Spontaneous Alternation Behavior (SAB) in Zebrafish larvae, $500
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jong-Hyun Son, Biology

Total Amount: $6,660
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