



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Researcher's Guide

Introduction

Faculty and authorized professional research staff are encouraged to seek external financial support for specific projects undertaken to further the mission of the university in teaching, research, and public service.

Sponsored projects enhance and expand the educational opportunities available to undergraduate and graduate students at the university, permit research, scholarly inquiry, and the development of new knowledge, contribute to the academic achievement and stature of the institution, and assist the university in fulfilling its responsibilities to the state and the nation.

The primary responsibility for the origination, development, and preparation of proposals rests with the Principal Investigator (faculty member with rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Instructor; or professional research staff with title of Director, Research Scientist/Engineer, and Senior Research Scientist/Engineer). While awards for successful projects are made to the university, the Principal Investigator is responsible for the management, execution, and completion of the project, including submission of all required reports.

As a public institution, the university will not conduct proprietary research, develop exclusive or proprietary data for a sponsor, conduct any "work-for-hire", or permit a sponsor to direct or control research on campus.

University facilities and equipment may not be used by a sponsor's employees or for the specific benefit of a sponsor. The purpose of university research is the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge; the university cannot assume the role of an advocate or a social action agency.

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