University-Wide Funding Mechanisms

Research Enabling Grants

Research enabling grants (REGs) are intended to provide financial assistance to pre-tenure ladder faculty facing work/life or personal/family challenges that threaten to impede their academic research and/or their progress at Harvard.

The goal and purpose of this program is:

- to assist in the advancement of pre-tenure ladder faculty who have extenuating work/life circumstances.
- to enable collaboration and cost sharing between FD&D and individual schools in the service of advancement of scholars.
- to provide direct support to the faculty member or to a project for which they are directly responsible.

These competitive 1-year grants, for up to $40,000, are to offset the expenses incurred. Your related expenses must be a direct threat to your research, be temporary in nature, and fall into one of the following categories:

There are two funding rounds for academic year 2011-2012. The application deadlines are Wednesday, November 23, 2011 and Friday, March 9, 2012.

Dependent Care Fund

The Dependent Care Fund for Short-term Professional Travel (DCF) is intended to provide financial assistance to Harvard Ladder Faculty who would like to travel for a professional event that will advance their academic careers, and who also have child care or adult dependent care obligations. DCF grants are awarded to defray incremental costs due to added caregiving needs incurred as a result of traveling for career purposes. Such costs may include those associated with transporting a
dependent and/or a caregiver to a conference location or research site, extra dependent care at home while the recipient is traveling, or on-site care at a meeting.

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**Ladder ACCESS Program**

The Ladder ACCESS program is a childcare scholarship program open to faculty who:

- Are ladder faculty – assistant, associate, and full professors, convertible instructors, Benjamin Pierce Lecturers, and professors of practice are eligible for the ACCESS program, and
- Have at least one child under the age of 6 in childcare, and
- Are on a regular Harvard payroll, and
- Have a gross household income of less than $175,000.

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**Provost’s Fund for Inter-Faculty Collaboration**

The Provost’s Fund for Interfaculty Collaboration was developed to promote faculty discussion and collaboration on topics and activities of mutual intellectual interest that involve two or more Faculties. The Provost has limited funds to support grants of up to $25,000 for cross-faculty collaborations, including but not limited to courses, time-delimited research projects, small-scale conferences, and working groups.


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