Nothing is more central to the life of a university such as ours than the process whereby faculty and students engage in original research, scholarship or creative activity. The purpose of this memo is to summarize the research support available, from both the College and the University, to full-time faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. You will receive more information about these opportunities from the sponsoring unit as they become available. Please contact U.J. Sofia (x2728; sofia@american.edu or casresearch@american.edu) if you have any questions.

**Faculty Research Expense Accounts (REAs)** have been established for all full-time faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences. With some restrictions noted below, these accounts may be used for any valid research expenses, including travel, publication costs, software, supplies, etc. For more information on allowable research expenses, see [http://www.american.edu/cas/about/policies/upload/ResearchExpensesGuidelines.pdf](http://www.american.edu/cas/about/policies/upload/ResearchExpensesGuidelines.pdf). Please note that, effective immediately, funds previously available under the College’s Conference Travel Fund program have been folded into faculty REAs.

All tenure-line faculty members formally deemed research active, and all research active term faculty at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor, will be granted a $2000 research expense account from the College every fiscal year (May 1 – April 30). Principal Investigators who submitted a significant grant or fellowship application in the previous fiscal year will see their REAs augmented by $500. In acknowledgement of the demands of major departmental service, chairs will receive an additional $1000 in their REAs; officially appointed program directors will receive an additional $500. To receive reimbursement for conference travel under this program, research active tenure-line faculty and term faculty at the Associate rank or above must present their work at the conference, or have a formal role at the conference such as being a member of the organizing or programming committee, a discussant, or the chair of a session. To allow faculty to save funds for significant future expenses, they may roll over up to $1000 to the following fiscal year. Faculty with startup accounts must exhaust those funds before their REA will be available to them. Faculty holding endowed chairs and professorships will receive research support through their appointments, though they remain eligible for many of the programs listed below.
All term faculty not included in the previous group, and all tenure-line faculty on a five- or six-course load, will be granted a $1000 research expense account from the College every fiscal year (May 1 – April 30). Principal Investigators who submitted a significant grant or fellowship application in the previous fiscal year will see their REAs augmented by $500. In acknowledgement of the demands of major departmental service, term faculty officially appointed as program directors will receive an additional $500. Because so many of our term faculty are at an early stage of their careers or travel for professional development, reimbursement for conference travel is not predicated on having presented one’s work. To allow faculty to save funds for significant future expenses, they may roll over no more than $1000 to the following fiscal year.

The University’s Faculty Research Support Awards fund creative work, experimental investigations, historical studies and other scholarly endeavors on the part of AU faculty with a budget of $10,000 or less for a faculty member of $25,000 or less for a team of faculty. Budget items may include graduate student support during the summer and/or the academic year, travel to off-campus sites to conduct research or present findings at professional conferences, purchase of necessary research equipment, or other expenses directly related to the proposed research. For full details of the FY 2017 – 2018 (May 2017 – April 2018) program and proposal guidelines, please see [http://www.american.edu/research/frsg-forms.cfm](http://www.american.edu/research/frsg-forms.cfm). Proposals will be due to the Provost’s Office by December 8th, 2016. Please submit your proposal to the Associate Dean of Research by Monday December 4th so that the College has time to write the required support letter.

Mellon Competition: The EPC Research Committee awards grants to tenure-line and term faculty to support faculty research, teaching, travel, and the preparation of external grant proposals. Funds are not awarded for salary or for course release. There will be two rounds of Mellon awards, one in the fall (September) and one in the spring (March). An announcement of the competitions will be sent out approximately 4 weeks before proposals are due. College Mellon Fund awards are limited to $4,000 per person per academic year. Funds must be used within one year of the award date.

The International Travel Awards program provides tenure-line faculty with funding for travel abroad during FY 2018 (May 2017 – April 2018). This award serves primarily to enhance faculty research, professional or creative activities, but may also be used for the presentation of work at significant professional conferences. Applications are due to the Office of Academic Affairs on January 31, 2017. Please submit your proposal to the Associate Dean of Research by Monday January 30th, 2017 so that the College has time to write the required support letter. A complete description of the program can be found at: [http://www.american.edu/provost/academicaffairs/faculty-support-awards.cfm](http://www.american.edu/provost/academicaffairs/faculty-support-awards.cfm)
The Junior Faculty Teaching Release (JFTR) program offers tenure-track faculty an opportunity to devote themselves to scholarly, creative, and professional activities at a critical time during the pre-tenure years. The program allows the faculty member to have no teaching responsibilities for one semester in order to devote themself fully to research and creative activities. The JFTR may be taken in the spring semester of the third pre-tenure year of service or in either semester of the fourth pre-tenure year of service. **Applications are due to the Associate Dean of Research on February 27th, 2017 for all second-year faculty taking JFTRs in spring or fall 2018 or fall 2019.** Information about the JFTR program can be found at [http://www.american.edu/provost/academicaffairs/faculty-support-awards.cfm](http://www.american.edu/provost/academicaffairs/faculty-support-awards.cfm). Please make sure to use the checklist available on that webpage when applying.