<u>Course Release Funding Initiative for Spring 2024</u>

The College of Human Sciences (COHS) Dean's Office announces an internal grant program inviting tenured COHS faculty to apply for course release funding to provide dedicated time to write an external research grant proposal. The purpose of this initiative is to specifically support tenured faculty who do not have research resources (e.g., start-up funds, departmental support, RAs, etc.) to support their time needed to write a research grant proposal in the role of PI. Tenured faculty who have not applied for external research funding in the past three years are especially encouraged to apply. Tenured faculty who hold endowed professorships or endowed chair positions are not eligible for this opportunity due to the research support provided by their positions. Funding for the course release will be provided directly to the faculty member's department to cover another person to teach the course. No funds are provided for research activity.

<u>Award</u>:

The COHS will award 2 course release opportunities of $7,000 each to cover the cost of teaching a course during Spring 2024 semester. Only one course release per department will be funded. The external research grant proposal must be submitted by February 15, 2025. If external grant proposals are not submitted by this deadline, departments will relinquish the amount of the course release back to the college.

<u>Application (3 page limit)</u>:

The application includes

1. Specific external grant/RFP for the grant proposal to be written
2. Brief overview of the grant proposal being written (e.g., rationale, specific aims, research questions, goals)
3. Timeline for the grant proposal writing and submission process

Your Department Chair/School Director will also need to send an email to Malinda Colwell at malinda.colwell@ttu.edu with a brief statement of support of your application.

<u>Review Criteria</u>:

Proposals will be evaluated based on submitting a complete application, clarity of the grant proposal overview, and feasibility/timeline of grant proposal writing and submission.

<u>Proposal Review</u>:

Proposals will be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Academics and Faculty and the Associate Dean for Research.

Application Due: September 1, 2023 by 5pm (CT)

All funding should be spent/encumbered by March 31, 2024.

Funding report form is due June 30, 2024.