<u>Research Assistantship and Seed Funding Initiative</u>

The College of Human Sciences (COHS) Dean's Office announces an internal grant program inviting COHS faculty to apply for a 12-month Graduate Research Assistant and seed money for collecting pilot data to be leveraged for an external research grant proposal. The purpose of this initiative is to specifically support faculty who do not have research resources (e.g., active start-up funds, departmental support, RAs, etc.) to work with an RA to obtain pilot data and write an external research grant proposal as a PI.

Pre-tenured faculty without active start-up and faculty who have not applied for external research funding in the past three years are especially encouraged to apply. Faculty who hold endowed professorships or endowed chair positions are not eligible for this opportunity due to the research support provided by their positions.

<u>Award:</u>
The COHS will award 4 Graduate Research Assistants for 12-months (non-renewable) and up to $5,000 to support the pilot project (e.g., supplies, laptop for RA, conference travel funding to meet with collaborators, participant payments, etc.) from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Only one RA per department will be funded. The external research grant proposal must be submitted by May 31, 2025.

<u>Application (4 page limit):</u>
The application includes

1. Brief overview of the pilot project to be conducted (e.g., rationale, research questions, goals) and the role of the RA in the project and external grant writing process
2. Budget and budget justification of pilot project
3. Timeline for pilot project and grant proposal submission process
4. Specific external research grant/RFP to be submitted based on data collected

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, clarity of the role of the RA, and feasibility/timeline of pilot project and 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: October 2, 2023 by 5pm (CT)
Funding will be provided in January 2024 and all funding should be spent/encumbered by December 31, 2024.

Funding report form is due January 31, 2025.