

Hoppe Research Professor and Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Programs

Information Session
for
FY2022 Award Competitions

Commonalities between the two programs

- Endowed programs supporting outstanding researchers
- Deans' awards – review at the school/college level, sometimes with research committees; need dean's supportive evaluation and cost share
- Applications need evidence of promise of the PI's potential contribution to the field

Commonalities between the two programs

- Letters of evaluation from chair and dean required and will not be seen by applicant
- Review panels are SIUE colleagues with diverse expertise from your school committee and from various schools on campus

Hoppe Research Professor Award Program

- made to SIUE faculty members in order to recognize and support individual programs of research or creative activities. These Awards recognize faculty members whose research or creative activities have the promise of making **significant** contributions to their fields of study.
- **Recipients are expected to produce published scholarly works and externally sponsored grants.**

Nature of the Hoppe Award

9 month appointment

- Award: Hoppe Research Professor will be appointed for a two-year period.
 - ❖ cost is shared between school/college and Graduate School
- Two course releases each academic year (up to 6 credit hours total)
- 25% G.A. for nine months per year
- \$1,000 total in support lines
- Project dates: July 1 – June 30

12 month appointment

- Award: Hoppe Research Professor will be appointed for a two-year period.
 - ❖ cost is shared between school/college and Graduate School
- 50% G.A. for twelve months per year
- \$4,000 total in support lines, student wages, or an RA
- Project dates: July 1 – June 30

Eligibility

- All tenured members of the faculty may apply to the Hoppe program.
- The terminal degree must be completed by the time of submittal.
- All applicants must have submitted completed final reports and fulfilled the terms and conditions, including submission of an external grant proposal, of projects previously funded by the SIUE Graduate School at least 5 business days before this program deadline in order to be eligible for this program.

Notables about the Hoppe Program

- Letters of evaluation required from chair and dean and will not be seen by applicant
 - Meant to encourage more honest assessments of the applicant's scholarly performance and promise than if the evaluator felt the applicant would read the letter
 - Designed to provide opportunity for chair, review committees, and dean to give disciplinary input into the significance of the research and the individual's scholarly record
- External Funding Summary required for the Hoppe application
- Awardee must submit external funding request(s) **totaling a minimum of \$15,000** by the time of the final report. (Three months after the end of the project period.)

Hoppe Competition Timeline:

- Applicants must submit their full proposal by completing the [Hoppe Research Professor Award form](#) in Quali Build by **4:30pm on September 21st**.
- Your Department Chair, Research Committee, and Dean will provide their feedback on your proposal in Quali Build.
- Department Chair and Dean will provide a Letter of Evaluation in Quali Build.
- Research Committee will complete a proposal critique form in Quali Build.
- The University's RPAB Committee will then review all applications and make recommendations.
- Estimated Announcement Date: **November/December**

Chair/Dean Letter of Evaluation Guidelines

- “There are no formal guidelines for creating the Letters of Evaluation from the Dean or Department Chair.”
- “The evaluations should address the criteria enumerated under ‘Selection Criteria,’ and provide an **honest, overall assessment of the applicant’s scholarly potential and ongoing contribution to the school/department.**
- Applicants will NOT receive a copy of the Letters of Evaluation unless provided upon request by the Chairs and Deans.”

Proposal Sections

- Budget and Budget Justification (completed as part of the Quali Build form)
- Proposal Title Page
- Project Summary (one page max)
- Narrative (10 pages max with the following information)
 - Problem Statement
 - Related Literature and Context
 - Procedures, Method, Project Plan
 - Role of the Hoppe Research Professorship in advancing applicant's work and overall research agenda
- References
- External Funding Summary
 - Potential future sources
 - Past awards from last 10 years
- CV (2 page max)
- Appendices (not to replace items that should be in narrative)

Hoppe Selection Criteria

- Evidence that the award of a Hoppe Research Professorship will **enable specific advances** in the applicant's discipline.
- Evidence of careful planning for an integrated, **feasible**, two-year program of research or creative activities that will make effective use of the support offered by a Hoppe Research Professorship.
- Evidence of **professional qualifications** to undertake, carry out, and complete the planned program of research or creative activities.
- Evidence of the **significance** of the planned activities.
- The **potential for external funding** of the planned program of research or creative activities.

Hoppe: Terms and Conditions

- Recipients of the award are expected to produce published scholarly works and externally sponsored proposals.
- 2 reports
 - Mid term (Due June 30, the end of the first fiscal year of the award.)
 - Final (Due on the first Monday of August following the end of the project period.)
- To complete the terms of this award, the awardee must submit external funding requests, the total minimum value of which will be \$15,000. Awardees may submit one or more external funding requests to reach the minimum requirement, but the requirement must be completed by the end of the Hoppe Research Professor Award period. Recipients will not be eligible for additional support from the Graduate School until these conditions are satisfied.
- Recipients of the award will be expected to present as the Keynote speaker for the Graduate School Symposium in his/her last year of the project.

Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Awards

- made to tenure-track SIUE faculty members in order to recognize faculty members whose research or creative activities have the promise of making **significant** contributions to their fields of study, their respective school/department and to SIUE in general
- **Recipients are expected to produce published scholarly works and externally sponsored grants**

Nature of the VL Award

- Up to two (2) awards available per fiscal year
- Total of \$12,500
 - \$10,000 from Graduate School
 - \$2,500 cost share from the School/College**

**Start discussions now with your school/college about what that cost share might be

Eligibility

- Eligible applicants must have earned appropriate terminal degrees in their discipline and have regular full-time tenure track faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level.
- Eligible junior faculty may apply any time after successful completion of their first year at SIUE and before promotion to Associate Professor.
- Recipients must be at the **Assistant Professor level throughout the duration of their New Investigator award.**

Eligibility

- Previous recipients of the New Investigator Award are not eligible to apply. Preference will be given to faculty who have received less than \$250,000 in external awards while at SIUE.
- All applicants must have submitted completed final reports and fulfilled the terms and conditions, including submission of an external grant proposal, of projects previously funded by the SIUE Graduate School at least 5 business days before this program deadline in order to be eligible for this program.

Eligible Costs

- Academic Year Course Buyout (at the call-staff rate and approved by Department Chair and Dean);
- GA or RA support;
- Travel;
- Commodities;
- Equipment;
- Contractual services

VL Competition Timeline

- Applicants must submit their full proposal by completing the [Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Award form](#) in Quali Build by **4:30pm on October 15th**.
- Your Department Chair, Research Committee, and Dean will provide their feedback on your proposal in Quali Build.
- Department Chair and Dean will provide a Letter of Evaluation in Quali Build.
- Research Committee will complete a proposal critique form in Quali Build.
- The University's R&D Committee will then review all applications and make recommendations.
- Estimated Announcement Date: **December/January**

Chair/Dean Letters of Evaluation

- Same language as Hoppe letters of evaluation
- Designed to provide opportunity for chair, review committees, and dean to give disciplinary input into the significance of the research and the individual's scholarly record

Proposal Sections

- Budget and Budget Justification (completed as part of the Kualu Build form)
- Proposal Title Page
- Project Summary (1 page)
- Narrative (10 pages, addressing the following)
 - Significance of proposed research or creative activities
 - Role of VL New Investigator Award in advancing applicant's work and advancing the discipline
 - Procedures, method, project design
 - Timetable for the study
 - Potential for external funding and specific opportunities
- References
- CV (2 pages)
- Appendix (not to replace items belonging in narrative)

VL Selection Criteria

- Evidence that the award of a New Investigator Award will **enable specific advances in the applicant's discipline.**
- Evidence of careful planning for an integrated, **feasible**, one-year program of research or creative activities that will make effective use of the support offered by a New Investigator Award.
- Evidence of professional **qualifications** to undertake, carry out, and complete the planned program of research or creative activities.
- Evidence of the significance and the potential for **external funding** of the planned program of research or creative activities.
- **Evaluation** of the application from the Department Chair, the College/School Dean and the School's Research Committee.

Vaughnie Lindsay: Terms and Conditions

- Final Report
- At least one external grant proposal must be submitted by the time of the final report.
- Recipients of the award are expected to produce published scholarly works and externally sponsored grants.
- Eligibility for future internal funding from the Graduate School is dependent upon the fulfillment of these two requirements.

Tips for Success in Both Programs

- Notify Chairs, Deans as soon as possible that you are planning to apply so that they can make appropriate plans to write the letters of evaluation
- VL candidates: start considering budget.
 - Can ask ORP for help
 - Start discussions about \$2500 cost share

Tips, cont.

- CONSIDER THE LAY AUDIENCE IN YOUR WRITING
 - Good time will have to be spent explaining the significance and context of your research
 - *Find the balance between showing you have used rigorous method and planning and guiding your reader through the decisions you make
 - AVOID JARGON
 - Have friends read the proposal in advance
- Find ways to make information transparent and legible (tables, charts, images, good spacing, timelines)
- Follow the guidelines exactly, no exceptions