

FAU OURI College and Faculty Incentive Fund Pilot Program

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) is pleased to offer the following College and Faculty Incentive program for the Fall 22 – Spring 23 year.

1. **RI Designation for Lower division and IFP courses:** between \$2,500-\$3,500 to full-time faculty within colleges for developing and receiving the [Research Intensive \(RI\) designation](#) for Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) courses and lower-division (1000 or 2000-level) courses. Priority will be given to required (non-elective) courses, and those taught more than one semester per academic year. Funds will be disbursed in two installments: 1. Upon RI Designation/RI compact approval by the faculty senate, and 2. once the course is taught as RI for the first time. Faculty are encouraged to also pursue [ACUE Course | Florida Atlantic University \(fau.edu\)](#) development as they design their course. Additional details on this program with deadline dates and process is provided on Pg. 2.
2. **Departmental challenge for Undergraduate Research Certificate:** Up to \$10,000 to the top 3 departments with either the highest percentage of undergraduate students to receive the University-wide [FAU - Undergraduate Research Certificate](#) annually (minimum of 10 students with the certificate), or departments demonstrating the most improvements in this area. Efforts will be made to distribute fairly across colleges. The program will include students who receive the certificate during the following terms: Fall 22 and Spring 23. Percentages will be calculated based on the number of degree-seeking undergraduates per department (taken after drop/add in the appropriate semester).
3. **The Faculty Incentive Fund for mentorship through DIR:** OURI offers \$500 in funding to faculty who mentor *FTIC freshmen (less than 30 credits) registered for Directed Independent Research*. The program will include faculty mentoring students through DIR during the Fall 22, Spring 23 and Summer 23 (first ½) terms. Funds can be used to support faculty research projects, equipment and supplies, conference travel, publication costs and discipline specific society fees.

The incentive programs target the following OURI Strategic goals:

- Expanding opportunities for early student engagement in research – i.e. mentoring 1st and 2nd year undergraduates to help with student retention and to facilitate building pipelines towards Prestigious Fellowships such as the Barry Goldwater Fellowship.
- Expanding access to curricular-based undergraduate research – engaging larger numbers of students in research within courses, supporting faculty efforts with submitting courses for Research Intensive Designation and, encouraging students to apply for the Research Certificate.

Support for RI Designation for Lower Division and IFP courses – Additional details

OURI is soliciting full-time faculty interested in revising courses to infuse undergraduate research and inquiry at the intensive level towards Research Intensive (RI) designation. **Courses should be either required (non-elective) lower division and/or IFP courses.** The Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee's formal guidelines for Research Intensive Course Designation. Guidelines can be found here: [URCC Document 10-29-15-FINAL.pdf \(fau.edu\)](#). For more information on the RI Designation submission process please visit http://www.fau.edu/our/RI_designation.php.

Categories and Funding Levels:

Category	Description	Funding/Support	Milestones	Process
RI Designation for core lower division or IFP Courses with enrollment <50 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Education (IFP) courses or lower division (core) courses with enrollment <50 students Course must satisfy the criteria for Research Intensive Designation and Syllabi must reflect the RI nature of the course URCC Document 10-29-15- FINAL.pdf (fau.edu) 	Up to \$2,500 with add'l support from the GRC/CEE program once the course is RI designated FAU - Support for Faculty Teaching RI Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of IFP/lower division course for RI designation by the State – \$1,000 First time course is taught as RI: up to \$1,500 (enrollment based) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with your FAU - Faculty Liaisons to express interest and work with them to re-design course and syllabus Submit your syllabus for RI designation (FAU - RI and DIR Designation Courses) ideally by Sept. 22 but no later than Oct. 25 to OURI for URCC review
RI Designation for core lower division or IFP Courses with enrollment >50 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Education (IFP) courses or lower division (core) courses with enrollment >50 students Course and syllabi must satisfy the criteria for Research Intensive Designation and Syllabi must reflect the RI nature of the course URCC Document 10-29-15- FINAL.pdf (fau.edu) 	Up to \$3,500 with add'l support from the GRC/CEE program once the course is RI designated FAU - Support for Faculty Teaching RI Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of IFP/lower division course for RI designation by the State – \$1,000 First time course is taught as RI Spring ideally: up to \$2,500 (enrollment based) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with your FAU - Faculty Liaisons to express interest and work with them to re-design course and syllabus Submit your syllabus for RI designation (FAU - RI and DIR Designation Courses) ideally by Sept. 22 but no later than Oct. 25 to OURI for URCC review
Utilizing Research Intensive Course Compacts within a core lower division or IFP course >50 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Education (IFP) courses or lower division (core) courses with enrollment >50 students Research Intensive Course compacts will be used to offer RI Designation to students within a Non-RI course. Research Compact(s) must satisfy RI designation criteria. URCC Document 10-29-15- FINAL.pdf (fau.edu) 	Up to \$2,500 with add'l support from the GRC/CEE program once the course is RI designated FAU - Support for Faculty Teaching RI Courses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of IFP/lower division research intensive (RI) compact(s) by the URCC Committee - \$1,000 First time course is taught with RI Compact (Spring 2023 ideally)- up to \$1,500 (enrollment based) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with your FAU - Faculty Liaisons to express interest and work with them to create research Intensive Course compact(s) Submit your RI Course Compact for approval no later than Nov. 10 to OURI for URCC review (URCC Document 10-29-15- FINAL.pdf (fau.edu) – see pages 6-7)

Notes: Funding will be allocated based on limits presented above and availability. All funds will be transferred to the department/college/academic unit for disbursement. Funds can be used for additional compensation to faculty or materials and supplies. No additional funds can be released to an academic unit until the milestones are fulfilled.

Grant recipients receiving funding through this program will agree to the following:

1. Assignment Offerings and Assessments (one cycle mandatory)

- a) Implement RI designated course or the Research-Intensive Compacts within a non-RI Course for one semester.
- b) Submit one student work sample to the URCC for review at the end of the term the course is offered the first time.

2. Faculty Professional Development (optional)

- a) Participate in a faculty learning community during the Spring term to connect with other faculty participating as courses are being implemented.