



## The University of Toledo - Main Campus Policy

### **III-3-3 Article III**

#### **Purpose/Policy:**

#### **University Research Council and Internally Funded Programs**

##### **Section 1. Formation of the University Research Council**

In accordance with its commitment to enhance and give direction to the research environment at The University of Toledo, the institution has created the University Research Council. The University Research Council is responsible for (1) reviewing, formulating and recommending general research policies and for providing input to other University committees and administrative offices concerning other University policies and practices which affect the conduct of research at the University; (2) developing and overseeing programs which utilize University based funds for advocating and enhancing research at the University; and (3) suggesting new opportunities for broadening or enhancing the University's research base.

The Research Council has responsibility for reviewing and determining successful applications to the University Research Awards and Fellowships Programs and any other such programs established by the institution. In addition, the University Research Council is charged with evaluating effectiveness of all current University supported research development programs, research centers and institutes. The Council develops on-going, longer term research plans for the University focusing on strengths and opportunities for interdisciplinary research as well as opportunities for inter-institutional research cooperation. Research Council activities integrate directly with the development of strategic plans for academic program development.

The Associate Vice President for Research and Development serves as Chair of the University's Research Council. The membership is comprised of 15 members as follows:

- Associate Vice President for Research and Development, ex officio (1)
- Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Administration, ex-officio (1)
- Director of Sponsored Programs, ex-officio (1)
- Faculty members appointed by Faculty Senate (3)
- Faculty members elected by the Graduate Council (2)
- Faculty members selected at-large by the President (4)
- Graduate students elected by the Graduate Student Association (2)
- Undergraduate student elected by the Student Government Association (1)

The three faculty members chosen by the Faculty Senate have three-year staggered terms. The two faculty members chosen by the Graduate Council have two-year staggered terms and the at-large faculty members and the student representatives each have one-year terms. Qualifications for election or appointment as a faculty representative to the Council include participation in an active research or scholarship program, evidence of prior research or scholarly achievements, or where appropriate to the discipline, extramural support for research.

**Section 2. Conducting the Competitive Grant Programs:**

The University Office of Research under the guidance of the University Research Council, conducts the internal, competitive programs including the following:

- a. University Research Awards and Fellowships Program
- b. OBOR supported Research Challenge Fund (biennial competition)

To accomplish and facilitate the goals of the internal funding mission, the University Office of Research assumes the following responsibilities:

- Preparation and dissemination of guidelines for internally funded programs
- Coordination of administrative efforts in assisting proposal submission and review
- Notification of applicants when awards are made
- Maintain files including proposals, correspondences, and progress and Final Reports

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