

FY 2009 ANNUAL REPORT
FACULTY RESEARCH FUNDS PROGRAM

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Each year, the Vice President for Research allocates a block of funds to support the Faculty Research Funds Program. In FY 2009, a total of \$140,553 was provided. The overall purpose of the program is to enhance the scholarly productivity of the faculty. Monies are awarded to faculty through three separate competitions: Regular Faculty Research, Scholarly Materials and Equipment, and Summer Faculty Research. The Faculty Research Funds Committee is appointed by the President and charged with evaluating proposals and recommending funding. The Committee is comprised of seven faculty members. The Vice President for Research serves in a non-voting, ex officio capacity.

FY 2009 FACULTY RESEARCH FUNDS COMMITTEE

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Michael Boyle	Engineering	2009
Dorothy Breen	Education and Human Development	2010
Elizabeth DePoy	Business, Public Policy, and Health	2010
Liam Riordan	Liberal Arts and Sciences	2010
Denise Skonberg	Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture	2010
Touradj Solouki	Liberal Arts and Sciences	2011
Rebecca Van Beneden	Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture	2009

INTRAMURAL GRANTS

During FY 2009, a total of twenty-two proposals were submitted for consideration by the Committee. A summary of submissions and awards for the three competitions is given below:

Regular Faculty Research Competition:

Six proposals totaling \$52,235 were submitted.
Four proposals totaling \$30,405 were awarded.

Scholarly Materials and Equipment Competition:

Three proposals totaling \$32,938 were submitted.
Two proposals totaling \$20,148 were awarded.

Summer Faculty Research Competition:

Thirteen proposals totaling \$97,500 were submitted.
Twelve proposals totaling \$90,000 were awarded.

The reports on the following pages detail the awards made. They are organized by competition and list the college, department, investigator(s), and amount for each award.

There were six nominations for the 2009 Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award. The President accepted the Committee's recommendation that Dr. Owen Smith be this year's recipient. Dr. Smith received the award at the Honors Convocation on May 8, 2009.

**University of Maine - - Faculty Research Funds
Regular Faculty Research Competition**

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Investigator(s)	Department	Title	Amount Requested	Amount Received
<u>College of Liberal Arts & Sciences</u>				
Ocampo-Raeder, V. Con	ANTH	The Waterless Realms of the Human Seascape	\$9,238	\$9,238
Robinson, Brian	ANTH	Defining Paleoindian Social Organization and Mobility Patterns	\$3,518	\$2,903
TOTALS			\$12,756	\$12,141
<u>College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, & Agriculture</u>				
Olsen, Brian	SBE	The Effect of Waterfowl Impoundments on Populations of Wetland-Obligate Bird Species	\$11,034	\$11,034
Rawson, Paul	SMS	Temporal Patterns of Gene Expression in Blue Mussels Exposed to Salinity Challenge	\$7,230	\$7,230
TOTALS			\$18,264	\$18,264

Summary Information

Total Amount Available for Competition:	\$30,405
Number of Proposals Submitted:	6
Total Dollar Amount of Proposals Submitted:	\$52,235
Number of Proposals Funded:	4
Total Dollar Amount of Awarded Projects:	\$30,405
Number of Proposals Not Funded:	2

**University of Maine - - Faculty Research Funds
Scholarly Materials and Equipment Competition
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Investigator(s)	Department	Title	Amount Requested	Amount Received
<u>College of Liberal Arts & Sciences</u>				
Hughes, Sunny	CJ	AppleXserve	\$10,148	\$10,148
TOTALS			\$10,148	\$10,148
<u>College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, & Agriculture</u>				
Belknap, Daniel	ES	Sensors and Software for Ground-Penetrating Radar	\$17,350	\$10,000
TOTALS			\$17,350	\$10,000

Summary Information

Total Amount Available for Competition:	\$20,148
Number of Proposals Submitted:	3
Total Dollar Amount of Proposals Submitted:	\$32,938
Number of Proposals Funded:	2
Total Dollar Amount of Awarded Projects:	\$20,148
Number of Proposals Not Funded:	1

University of Maine - - Faculty Research Funds
Summer Faculty Research Competition
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Investigator(s)	Department	Title	Amount Requested	Amount Received
<u>College of Business, Public Policy, & Health</u>				
Agrawal, Pankaj	MBS	ETF Betas on Financial Websites: Testing for the Inter-Temporal Convergence and Validity of Estimates	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTALS			\$7,500	\$7,500
<u>College of Liberal Arts & Sciences</u>				
Neuman, Lisa	ANTH	Indianness and Modernity: Non-Native Perceptions of Wabanaki Economic Strategies	\$7,500	\$7,500
Wolff, Justin	ART	Art and Experience: Thomas Hart Benton and the American Scene	\$7,500	\$7,500
Hughes, Sunny	CJ	Mobilizing the Masses: Collaborative Journalism in Rural Maine Communities	\$7,500	\$7,500
Diaz, Charlsye	ENG	Communicating for Commercialization: A Qualitative Comparison of Technology Transfer Offices in the United States and Japan	\$7,500	\$7,500
Pinette, Susari	FAS	The Politics of Language and Gender in Contemporary Franco American Literature	\$7,500	\$7,500
Lang, Michael	HIST	Theology of the Globe in Interwar Britain	\$7,500	\$7,500
Smith, Jane	MLC	Linguistic Diversity and Language Policy in India: A Potential Model for Maine?	\$7,500	\$7,500
Allen, Douglas	PHIL	Gandhi, Violence, And Terrorism Today	\$7,500	\$7,500
Brewer, Mark	POLS	America's Transformative Decade: The Political Significance of the 1960's	\$7,500	\$7,500
Huisman, Kimberly	SOC	An Examination of Factors Affecting Secondary Migration Patterns of Somalis in Lewiston, Maine	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTALS			\$75,000	\$75,000
<u>College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, & Agriculture</u>				
Kinnison, Michael	SBE	Sunfishes (Lepomis spp.) as a Model System for Studying Ecological Speciation	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTALS			\$7,500	\$7,500

Summary Information

Total Amount Available for Competition:	\$90,000
Number of Proposals Submitted:	13
Total Dollar Amount of Proposals Submitted:	\$97,500
Number of Proposals Funded:	12
Total Dollar Amount of Awarded Projects:	\$90,000
Number of Proposals Not Funded:	1