**EMS Associate Professor “Pump-Up” Package Guidelines**

**Purpose:**

To provide tenure-line faculty who are one year post tenure with discretionary funds to invigorate their research program, allowing them to branch out into new areas and develop some preliminary results leading to funded proposals, new collaborations, etc.

**Eligibility:**

One-year post-tenure faculty who:

1. received a successful tenure review and were promoted to the rank of associate professor after going through *no less than* five (5) years of the tenure cycle.

or

1. were hired *without* tenure at the rank of associate professor and received a successful tenure review after going through *no less than* five (5) years of the tenure cycle.

Applicants are not eligible if they:

1. received a retention package in the past five years;
2. have unspent start-up funding.

Discretionary funds will not be awarded during a sabbatical year, nor are they permitted to be used for sabbatical leave activities.

**Application Process:**

Eligible newly tenured associate professors are invited to apply for up to $50,000 in discretionary research funding to be awarded at the beginning of the second year after receiving tenure. The application must include a two- to three-page proposal outlining the scope of activities, a detailed budget, and a letter of support from the faculty member’s department head. It is expected that the proposals will focus on new research directions, though other proposed emphases may include novel educational, outreach and service activities.

Deadlines:

Proposals should be submitted electronically to the Dean, with a copy to Nicola Kiver (nmk17@psu.edu), via the faculty member’s department head on or before March 31 in the first year following tenure approval. For example, if the faculty member was awarded tenure effective July 1, 2022, the deadline to apply would be March 31, 2023 in order to receive funding for FY2023-24 (the beginning of the second year following tenure approval).

A sabbatical offsets the application process by one year. For example, if the faculty member was awarded tenure effective July 1, 2022 and then was granted a sabbatical for FY2023-24, then the deadline to apply would be March 31, 2024 in order to receive funding for FY2024-25.

**Awarding:**

Discretionary funds will be housed in an account in the faculty member’s department. The Dean’s office will provide 50% ($25,000 maximum) of the funding and the department / EMS institute (for internally co-funded faculty, in the salary proportion) will provide 50% ($25,000 maximum) of the funding. (Note: Department/EMS institute support may include funding for graduate *research* assistantships. However, this funding may not include teaching release.) The Dean will provide discretionary funds for these faculty awards.

Pump-up funds are expected to be spent in two years. Funds may be used to cover regular research-related expenses including travel. They may not be used for supplemental (summer) salary. Unused funds will be returned to the college/department/institute at the end of the second fiscal year.