



Office of

Research & Economic Development

SEC FACULTY TRAVEL PROGRAM

The **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE (SEC) FACULTY TRAVEL PROGRAM** is intended to enhance faculty collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between SEC universities. It gives faculty members from one SEC university the opportunity to travel to another SEC campus to exchange ideas, develop grant proposals and conduct research. The program may not be used in conjunction with outside employment, and universities are not permitted to carry over unused funding. Each university is responsible for developing its own application and selection process to identify participating faculty, and general program procedures.

Applications for the SEC Faculty Travel Program are accepted in the Spring of the award year. The peer review process will occur during the month of May, with award announcements made by the end of May. Travel may begin anytime after August 1 of the given award year and completed by July of the following year.

REVIEW CRITERIA & PROCESS

The following review criteria will be used at LSU to evaluate faculty travel proposals:

- Scientific, scholarly, or artistic significance
- Applicant qualifications
- How well does the proposal address the goals of the SEC Faculty Travel Grant Program?
 - Enhance faculty collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between SEC Universities
 - Exchange of ideas
 - Develop new grant proposals
 - Conduct research
- Does the proposal address one or more of the ORED Strategic Focal Areas? (see attached page for list of focal areas)

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Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Council on Research, with each reviewer asked to evaluate the proposals on each of these criteria. Reviews will then be compiled by the Office of Research & Economic Development for final consideration.

RESEARCH FOCAL AREAS

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR & COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Research on the individual behavioral and cognitive aspects of varied social phenomena such as health, crime, developmental trajectories over the life course, and socioeconomic attainment and how historical and cultural community contexts produce differential outcomes.

COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSION

The scientific, humanistic and artistic dimensions of the human communicative experience and how they intersect with and augment in novel ways the process of discovery.

BIOLOGICAL, BIOTECHNOLOGY & BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH (B3R)

Important basic and applied problems in specific areas of biology will be addressed by interacting groups in the sciences, engineering, and agriculture as well as those in the humanities and social sciences.

COASTAL SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT (CS&E)

Environmental, social and economic sustainability in coastal landscapes of the Mississippi River and deltaic coasts around the world.

CONVENTIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (C&RE)

Exploration of efficient extraction of conventional energy and renewable energy in a sustainable fashion for various applications.

MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (MS&E)

The science and engineering of the fabrication and characterization of advanced materials and their applications in various sectors of our economy and daily life.

CORE COMPUTING/HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING (CC/HPC)

Enable breakthroughs in computational science and its applications in various areas in science, engineering, arts and humanities.