University Faculty RSCA Assigned Time Program

On September 4th, 2018, Provost Joan Ficke announced the launch of a university program to provide assigned time for RSCA productive tenured and tenure-track faculty, which will be individually administered by the colleges.

Application deadline - Cycle 2

Thursday, March 28, 2019, for award beginning in the 2019-20 academic year.

Application Procedure

Varies by college; please review your college’s guidelines and requirements.

Who Should Apply this Round?

In this second round of a four academic-year phase-in period, all probationary faculty after their first two years (or after their contractually awarded RSCA assigned time ends) who did not receive the award in cycle 1, and ~20% of tenured faculty will receive the University Faculty RSCA Assigned Time award. Tenured faculty first receiving the award in cycle two will have a maximum teaching load of 21 WTU (3 WTU of assigned time) in 2019-20, and a maximum of 18 WTU (6 WTU of assigned time) in subsequent years, for a period of five years, pending satisfactory progress on their RSCA agenda. In future cycles, an increasingly larger fraction of tenured faculty will receive the award until all demonstrably RSCA-productive faculty are covered by the program. For the March 28, 2019 deadline, all probationary faculty in years 3-6 (except faculty in year 3 who received three years of assigned time in their appointment letter) who did not receive the award in cycle 1 should apply. Probationary faculty in their first two years are receiving release time through another mechanism and are not eligible for this program. Tenured faculty who didn’t receive the award in cycle 1 may apply for the program.

Selection Process

Varies by college; please review your college’s guidelines and requirements.

Duration of Award, Reviews, and Reporting Requirements

Each award will be for a 5-year period or until the tenure decision, whichever is less. There will be an annual mini-review of awards and a formal review after year 3 of the award. Faculty receiving awards must submit information about their scholarly productivity by completing the Faculty Research Activity Report (used for the RSCA metric) each year in May (due on the last duty day of the semester). Faculty who do not submit their data are not eligible for continued award. In most cases the outcome of the formal review will be that there is no change in the award. If, however, in the Dean’s opinion, there has not been adequate progress on the RSCA agenda nor adequate productivity according to the college-specific RSCA metric, then the Dean may recommend to the Provost that the remaining years of the Faculty RSCA Assigned Time award be rescinded.