Programs of Research & Scholarly Excellence

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PRSE

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Programs of Research & Scholarly Excellence (PRSE)

Programs are awarded this designation because they have achieved great distinction and set a standard for excellence in research, teaching and service that may serve as a model for programs throughout the institution and externally.

The PRSE designation will provide enhanced visibility and enable advocacy in the context of the larger re-search and training missions of CSU.

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History of PRSE at CSU

Initiated in 1991 – built on the CCHE programs of excellence

<u>Two fundamental assumptions:</u>
- Designation sets a very high standard for earned qualification
  - Only a limited number of programs selected
    - Originally 12 programs were designated as PRSEs
    - Currently 19 programs have this designation
- Designation is not given in perpetuity
  - Established programs must requalify
  - Designation is for 4 year period

PRSE TIMING – 2016 Call

DATE	EVENT
January 15, 2016	PRSE Designation RFP – announcement released
February 18, 2016	PRSE Open Forum -TODAY!
March 15, 2016	**Deadline for Receipt of Applications**
June 1,2016*	Awardees notified
July 15, 2016	PRSE annual funding competition announcement released
September 1, 2016	Deadline for receipt of funding requests
October 1, 2016	Awardees notified

*Awardees likely to be notified the end of April, first of May [rather than June 1]

Application Format

❑ **What does the application look like?**

  ❑ Limited to maximum of five (5) pages of narrative including tabular material

  ❑ Appendices limited to five additional (5) pages of supporting information.

  ❑ To the extent possible, application material should be presented in tabular form to facilitate ease and expediency of evaluation and comparison between nominations.

❑ **What to submit?**

  ❑ An single electronic (PDF) file is to be submitted to the OVPR by close of business on the date designated as the nomination deadline.

❑ **What qualifies as a "program"?**

  ❑Concentration, Center, Institute, SAU, Department, etc.

  ❑Academic units will need to demonstrate the integrated "programmatic" value of their scholarly activities.

Application Materials – 1. Cover Sheet

The cover sheet for applications should include the following information:

Name of PRSE and statement of current PRSE status (i.e. currently a PRSE or not)

Name of director/lead of PRSE and other key personnel (e.g. associate director)

List of contributing departments/colleges/units

Information on external advisory board (if applicable)

Names and contact information of three potential external reviewers

Application Materials – 2. Narrative

Narrative [maximum of 5 pages (excluding references), single spaced, 11 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins"].

Application narratives must

❑ **Make a compelling argument for the designation of PRSE**
  ❑Supported by appropriate, qualitative and quantitative data
  ❑Demonstrate the scholarly and educational impact of the program.

❑ **Include information about**
  ❑ Membership [faculty, research associates, collaborators and trainees (students, postdocs)]
  ❑ Organizational structure and demonstrated synergy of program (i.e. evidence of elevation because of PRSE-quality efforts)
  ❑4-year strategic vision as a PRSE and how the PRSE designation will advance the program
  ❑Evidence of achieved excellence

Narrative – Additional info

❑In addition to "nuts and bolts", additional "compelling" info is important

  ❑ Anything that sets you apart and speaks to the "research and scholarly excellence" of the program

  ❑ Peer comparisons

  ❑ Describe the impact of the program on its fields, CSU's missions and broader society

  ❑ Demonstrate internal and external collaboration and partnerships, relationship-building, and/or capacity strengthening

  ❑ Names and contact information of individuals capable of providing objective external evaluation of the PRSE (coversheet of the proposal)

    ❑ OVPR may contact these or others for additional information/review of application

Application Materials – 3. Appendix

Appendix with supporting material [maximum of 5 pages (excluding references), single spaced, 11 point Times New Roman font with 1'' margins'']. Content should be focused on additional evidence supporting potential designation as PRSE.

What's different?

❑ There is no "filtering" process at the college level
  ❑ Previous calls had colleges endorsing a select number of PRSEs

❑ Streamlined application process
  ❑ Previous process usually resulted in 100's of pages and tons of work
  ❑ Still need to demonstrate history of excellence, just not the minutia

❑ All designated PRSE programs include graduate student support provided by the graduate school

❑ OVPR funding will be a separate process from the PRSE designation

So, what about the funding?

❑ RFP for additional funding is still under development – seeking feedback

❑ Provides opportunity for more funding – greater impact, enhanced activities, increased visibility

❑ PRSE linkages with other strategic investments, including One Health, cluster hires, SAUs, and/or other new opportunities articulated in the CSU strategic plan – encouraged, but not required

❑ Evaluation of impact

Funding Availability

❑ Proposals may request a maximum funding of $100K over two fiscal years

❑ PRSEs may apply in each year of the 4 year PRSE designation (FY17-FY20)

❑ Cost sharing is encouraged, but not required

❑ Requests are for one-time funds

❑ No-cost time extensions must be requested no later than April 15 of the 2nd FY and are not guaranteed

❑ Major changes in project direction require OVPR prior approval

❑ Awards made in any FY do not imply funding approvals for the same or similar requests made in a future FY

Proposed Activities for Funding

❑ Allocation of these funds should lead to substantive impact in research or scholarly excellence

❑ Visibility, high impact, creativity

❑ Examples: conferences, workshops, colloquia, special events, development activities, research capacity building (especially if tied to potential substantial extramural funding), and graduate student success initiatives (e.g. corporate or translational internships).

❑ Other ideas?

Review Criteria for Funding

❑ Enhance graduate student success

❑ Build relationships with key partners to increase diversity

❑ Fresh perspectives, creativity

❑ Align with current university or OVPR strategic initiatives such as cluster hires, SAUs, interdisciplinary institutes or schools

❑ Include collaborators from other institutions or private sector partners, especially with an innovation and discovery element

❑ Measurable impact and outcomes

❑ OTHER?

Reporting Requirements

❑ To remain eligible for OVPR funding, PRSEs must submit a report on their activities, by close of business on June 15, 2017

❑ The report should include:

  ❑ A summary of the project activities including an evaluation of the impact that the funding had on the strategic goals of the PRSE and the University;

  ❑ Outcomes assessment that references the projected outcomes, metrics, and timeline included in the original request;

  ❑ Detailed report of expenditures

Timeline for PRSE Funding

❑ RFP will be issued soon after PRSE designations are made

❑ Due Date (*early in fall 2016 semester - projected*)

❑ Funding available after July 1, 2016

❑ Reports will be due June 15, 2017
   ❑ Annually on June 15 for multi-year funding

Questions?