

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE LARGE GRANTS POLICY

Recent deliberations of the CSUN Research and Grants Committee have underscored the fact that the entire university community will stand to benefit from an increase in sponsored projects activity in general and, in specific, from an increase in the number and size of projects providing full direct and indirect cost recovery. An increase in recovered indirect costs will provide the university needed discretionary revenues that may then be used to support faculty research and creative activities.

CSUN faculty need direct assistance and meaningful incentives if they are to be consistently competitive in winning fully-funded grant and contract support for research and creative activities. Faculty need TIME if they are to compete effectively for grant or contract support with peers at "research institutions" who enjoy teaching loads 50% to 75% lighter than the standard CSU twelve hour teaching load.

In order to assist faculty in competing for extramural support, to provide an incentive for faculty to enter such competition, and to assist with the conduct of fully-funded projects, Academic Affairs will provide, subject to the availability of funds, up to 12 units of release time per year to faculty who hold extramurally funded awards based on the following criteria.

- Faculty who generate \$9,000- \$17,999 of indirect cost (F&A) per year will receive **three units** of release time per year
- Faculty who generate \$18,000-\$35,999 of F&A per year will receive **six units** of release time per year
- Faculty who generate more than \$36,000 of F&A per year will receive **twelve units** of release time per year
- **No one person or grant will be given more than 12 units of large grant release time per year through application of this policy**
- F&A from concurrent awards will be accumulated to achieve the thresholds stated above
- Faculty holding multiple concurrent awards that generate sufficient F&A to achieve the thresholds stated above are eligible for multiple allocations of release time up to the maximum of twelve units per year
- If a single award qualifies for release time and has multiple investigators, the units must be shared by the investigators
- Reimbursement to the College shall be at the part-time replacement rate

- In order to be eligible for release time, faculty must be recognized as a PI or co-PI by the funding agency
- Release time shall be taken during the grant award period. No cost extensions will not expand eligibility
- Faculty who are not able to utilize release time awarded through this policy may request equivalent funds be placed in an account at the University Corporation. These funds are to be utilized in support of research. These funds cannot be used for additional income/compensation for PI's or co-PI's
- Faculty receiving additional salary compensation from grants and contracts during the academic year may not be eligible for release time
- Faculty may include general statements regarding the release time provided by this policy in proposal narratives to demonstrate institutional support. However, the release time should **not** be formally included as a cost share in a proposal budget unless the proposal guidelines explicitly require cost sharing
- Implementation of this policy should not automatically preclude the extension of additional support in the form of additional release time, space, facilities, resource personnel, or monetary support by departments, colleges, or other campus units