

Award Rubric and Allocation Rounds for Assigned Release Time (ART) 2020-21 Academic Year

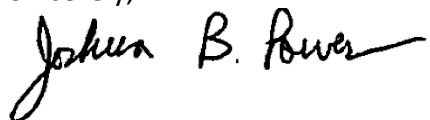
Identical to last year, in the event of fiscal constraint, ART awards will be prioritized as follows:

- Untenured faculty proposals
- Proposals delineating very specific project phases and results attached to each phase, rather than broad, general timeframes and results
- Proposals likely to enhance University reputation and visibility
- Proposals enhancing community relations
- Proposals tied to strategic goals of the University (i.e. student success and diversity)
- Proposals involving commissioned research/creative expression with a likelihood of publication
- If electing to submit multiple participant proposals, those with very specific and well-defined individual expectations
- Proposals from faculty of accredited programs for which a level of scholarship is explicitly expected.

With the exception of untenured faculty proposals, the above priorities do not imply a hierarchy of importance, and all proposals will be evaluated holistically. Faculty who apply for ART and are not awarded will be informed if the reason is fiscal or related to the quality of the proposal. Faculty who receive fewer than the requested number of credits will also be apprised of the reason for the reduction. The opportunity for faculty to waive part of their award credits (e.g., accept only 6 of 9 credits awarded) is not available.

With regard to the timing of allocations, and as had been planned for last year prior to the pandemic, awards will be made in three rounds – early March, end of the Spring Semester, and on July 12. In the first round, 44%¹ of the meritorious proposals will be awarded. Should we reach our **continuing student enrollment** goal by the end of the Spring Semester, another 16% will be awarded. Should we reach, or be on track to our **new student enrollment** goal by July 12, we will award another 14% of meritorious proposals. If our **freshmen retention rate** reaches 80% by that date, we will award all remaining meritorious proposals.

Sincerely,



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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

¹ The first round percentage of awards is linked to the freshmen retention rate. Our retention rate went up 4 percentage points this year, so whereas 40% of meritorious proposals were awarded in the first round last year, this year 44% will be awarded.

