We’re all about planting seeds of greatness here at High Point University! Not just in our students, but in our faculty as well. We want our extraordinary environment to inspire all!

Grants and research are two of the most fruitful seeds we can plant here on campus and among our students. Contributing to your field not only inspires your colleagues, but informs your classroom and demonstrates the practical applications of an extraordinary education to your students. Whether you’re a seasoned planter or you’re just looking to get started, there are plenty of opportunities out there for you to get engaged and start cultivating your own research!

Let us know if you’re ready to plant an extraordinary research seed! If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to start a grant proposal of your own, please email us at rasp@highpoint.edu. As always, call us if we can be of assistance!

Sincerely,

Director
Research Administration & Sponsored Programs

Interesting Opportunities

Environmental Sustainability Grant
This grant awards between $100,000 and $300,000 to projects that combine the social sciences and ethics with environmental sustainability efforts. The primary research areas are industrial ecology, green engineering, ecological engineering, or earth systems. This would be an ideal grant for unique collaboration between colleagues in fields such as business, biology and sustainability, and philosophy.
Deadline: November 5, 2014

Conservation Trust Grants
The Conservation Trust Grants through the National Geographic Society is meant to support and fund projects that sustain and preserve the world’s biological, cultural, and historical resources. It’s open to both new and seasoned faculty and investigators. Advanced degrees aren’t required, but history of conservation research or activism in relation to the investigator’s proposal is. Award amounts vary, but they’re typically within the $15,000 to $20,000 range. This would be an excellent grant for anyone looking to plant their first sponsored research seed with a passion and standing record of ecological, cultural, or historical preservation efforts.
Deadline: Rolling

Research Spotlight
Dr. Joshua Campbell shares his extensive sponsored research and grant experience, and discusses how it informs and enriches his classroom.

Use of Gift Cards in Research
The Business Office recently updated its gift card policy. Please see the revised gift card policy attached to this email. Feel free to call RASP with questions or concerns.

Attached
Dr. Josh Campbell builds relationships with students while experiencing and learning about the Galapagos Islands together on a May-mester trip in 2012.

Dr. Campbell is currently engaged in two sponsored research projects. The first is a United Stated Forestry Service led effort examining how pollinating insects respond to fire management techniques in upland hardwood forests. As with all of his projects, Dr. Campbell’s students are an integral part of the effort. Students learn skills that aren’t taught in the classroom, such as setting and checking traps and identifying the captured insects. Here’s a fun question, what is the best way to hoist insect traps in the canopies of trees? Ask one of his students and they will tell you with a bow, an arrow, and sisal rope.

Outfitted with high definition cameras, visiting insects are recorded, collected, and identified. The team expects that the findings will serve as the foundation for future phases, such as developing improved management practices.

Price’s Potato Bean

Reminders & Events

Do you have new faculty joining your department’s team in the Fall? Schedule a Pivot workshop or consultation appointment with them so they can start cultivating their research here at HPU!

This session will cover the basics of the expansive Pivot Database, which allows users to search and find more than $33 billion in research and related funding opportunities. You will learn how to establish a profile, sign up for weekly e-mails that provide matched funding opportunities tailored to your needs, and how to effectively search for grants and other funding opportunities.

Please e-mail rasp@highpoint.edu if you're interested in hosting a workshop or scheduling a one-on-one appointment for you or your faculty!