

Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA)

Guidelines & Application Checklist 2024-2025

Application Deadlines are annual: Second Monday, **February 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM**

Submission: Application submitted via [InfoReady](#)

Award Notifications: ~2 months post submission – ALL FUNDING DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Progress Reports: Mandatory reports are due one (1) month after purchase is complete or twelve (12) months after funding is allocated.

Purpose and Overview

Multi-User Research Capital Investment Award (MuRCIA) are intended to enhance research activities and increase competitiveness for external grants. Enhancement can be in the form of small equipment or purchase of software or other items that can be utilized to enhance research productivity. Applicants should demonstrate that there will be multiple users from different colleges and/or regional campuses. The intent of this opportunity is to support equipment purchases that enable collaborative groups of faculty, rather than to provide general core facilities support, for which other funding opportunities are available. These awards are designed to help faculty obtain new external funding. Consequently, RCIA should have quantifiable returns on investment in new grant dollars, increase research productivity, enhance degree programs, and promote attainment of other AAU/state metrics.

Productivity investment: Capital equipment or other enhancements can be purchased for teams of collaborating faculty. These awards are intended to maintain competitiveness for funding of current programs and strengthen competitiveness in areas of research that build upon existing strengths. There are two (2) types of MuRCIA grants.

Direct purchase of new equipment or for the **replacement** of antiquated shared equipment, which can include a single item or multiple items to support a specific purpose. All applications are encouraged to have other funding to subsidize the purchase.

MuRCIA funding is not intended as matching funds for future equipment grant applications.

- For previously funded equipment grants, this must include equipment purchase and implementation of the proposed plan for access by USF users.
- If previously awarded to provide matching funds for a grant was not funded, must include returned seed funds. For matching funds infrastructure investments, this must include submission of the targeted grant proposal.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be current ranked USF faculty pursuing research as part of their Faculty Assignment.
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- Cannot be a purchase by an institutional core facility.
- If a recipient as PI, Co-PI or Co-I

Performance Reports.

For all projects, a progress report is required one month after purchase is complete or 12 months after funding is allocated. This should report on the progress of the project relative to the originally proposed timeline.

Performance reports must describe any new research achievements and successes enabled by the internal grant and explain how the internal funding enabled these success.

A follow-up update is required upon disposition of the submitted external grant. A template will be provided for the written report.

The report must include the proposed outcomes included in the original application. The review of the project may include a brief in-person presentation on the project's achievements to the USF Research Council. Prior success with funding will be a determinant of PI's eligibility for future funding.