

## **PERS FAQs**

### **HOW WILL FACULTY KNOW IF THEY ARE OVER THEIR 100% EFFORT?**

Faculty are expected to work with the Budget Specialists in their department to ensure that the faculty salary percentage will not exceed 100%. As a state employee faculty are not allowed to be over the 100%.

[SAP 31.01.01.To.02 Compensation for Faculty Research and Services](#)

### **HOW OFTEN ARE STUDENT WORKERS PAID IN GENERAL? ALSO, IS IT THE SAME UNDER THE PERS RESEARCH?**

Hourly (Students/ Graduate Student's / Faculty Fellows / Ticket Takers) employees are paid biweekly.

### **[BIWEEKLY PAYROLL SCHEDULE & TIMESHEET DUE DATES](#)**

Yes, the biweekly payroll schedule will be the same for PERS recipients.

### **CAN GRANTS BE EXTENDED PAST THE DEADLINE?**

No, all awarded funds will need to be expended by August 17, 2024.

### **WHAT IF THERE ARE STILL OUTSTANDING INVOICES PAST THE DEADLINE?**

These invoices will need to be processed by the August 17, 2024 deadline or paid from departmental funds as the funds will be swept after August 17, 2024.

### **CAN THE PERS PROJECTS BE EXTENDED PAST THE DEADLINE?**

No, there will not be an extension of deadlines in PERS projects.

### **CAN PERS FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT?**

No, PERS funds cannot be transferred.

### **WHAT ARE YOU ALL LOOKING FOR IN OUR FINAL REPORT FOR THE PERS GRANT?**

PERS recipient Faculty will be expected to submit a mid-summer Progress Report, as well as, a Final Report. Report templates will be distributed with awards.

### **WILL THERE BE OTHER PROJECT CATEGORIES BESIDE THE LISTED ONES? DO THEY HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE LISTED ONES?**

Yes, one category will need to be checked on the application.

## **PLEASE DEFINE NEW FACULTY/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

The category for New Investigator Research Development is meant for faculty who have yet to compete successfully for a substantial research grant.

## **IS THERE A POSSIBILITY TO USE FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH?**

Due to the limited time frame given for research projects, it is highly unlikely that the project would have enough time to process through Export Control and Risk Management protocols.

## **WILL THESE FUNDS BE LIMITED TO ONLY CONSUMABLE EXPENSES, i.e., WILL PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT NOT BE ALLOWABLE AGAIN?**

Equipment may not be purchased with the awarded PERS funds. Please see the guidance for allowable expenses.

**Ensure invoice or payment can be processed by 8/17/2024**

## **WOULD YOU PROVIDE SOME INFO ABOUT HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PERS?**

We encourage everyone to submit their budget to include what is needed to ensure quality research. Please do some source searches to ensure items can be ordered and received in the time needed for the project. Budgets will be reviewed by the Research Committee before award announcement.

## **WHERE IS THE FUNDING FOR STAFF MEMBERS? I ONLY SEE FACULTY BENEFITS.**

Anyone can apply as a single investigator in any category. DOES A FACULTY MEMBER NEED TO BE INVOLVED? No

## **HOW DO YOU CALCULATE FRINGE FOR GRADUATE STUDENT(S) AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT(S)?**

8% should cover the fringe for a Graduate Student and Undergraduate Student paid under the 20 hours per week

## **CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE PERS?**

Yes, you may submit more than one PERS proposals.

## **HOW CAN STUDENT(S) GET RIED APPROVAL?**

After proposals are submitted and student(s) names are provided, we will verify that student(s) are not listed on more than one project. A particular student will not be allowed to work on more than one PERS or other outside grant.

**CAN I STILL APPLY EVEN THOUGH I CANNOT HIT THE FEBRUARY 2024 DEADLINE OF SUBMITTING TO AN EXTERNAL GRANT AGENCY?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply; though, funding is expected to be competitive this year. There are numerous funding opportunities offered (state, foundations, federal) to conduct pilot, small scale research projects. With PERS funding we expect faculty to be proactive and actively seek collaborations, review biweekly funding opportunities and reach out to RIED to help identify opportunities.

**FOR FACULTY WHO COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS IN LAST YEAR'S PERS BUT WERE UNABLE TO FINALIZE THE PROJECT TO SUBMIT A GRANT THIS YEAR, ARE THEY ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PERS THIS YEAR?**

They are eligible to apply. Include a rough draft of their proposal, a list of different agencies where they will apply (and program within the agency) and timeline for submission. Again, there is an expectation for faculty to be proactive in seek funding opportunities and collaborations.