The Fulton College has established a supplemental research initiation fund in order to develop promising ideas to the point where they can be pursued with external funding. The primary criterion for funding is the potential of the work to lead to an externally funded project of impact. Preparation and submission of a proposal for external funding is an expected outcome for work funded from this fund. Our intention is to support new work, especially work in high risk, high impact areas. We anticipate the availability of approximately $100k per year. The award amount is typically $10k, although higher levels of funding may be considered if needed to take advantage of an exceptional opportunity. These funds are available to all faculty, irrespective of rank, experience, or other funding. Funding decisions are based on the merit of the idea and endorsement by the department chair or the director of the School.

Proposals should be no more than two pages in length and should include a budget. Allowed expenses include student salaries, supplies, and travel. Collaboration is encouraged and will be given preference in the event that multiple proposals of equal impact are received. Proposals are evaluated quarterly and should be submitted by email to David Long (long@byu.edu). A decision on the proposals will be made by the middle of the month following the end of the quarter (April 15th, July 15th, Oct. 15th and Jan. 15th). A one page written report describing your results and the impact of those results will be due to the college one year after the award date; the report should also provide details on the proposal(s) submitted as a result of the award, including the current status of those proposals. Please contact David Long if you have any questions or require additional information.