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FOR INFORMATION

1. 2011-2012 Academic Development Fund New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award Major Grants Competition

The total budget for the Academic Development Fund in 2011-2012 is $1.5 million. Of this, $200,000 is required to support the Small Grants competition for 2011-2012.

This year, SUPAD reviewed 61 applications for funding under the ADF, an increase over the previous year when 56 applications were received. Of the 61 applications, 22 were recommended for funding. The total amount requested by these 61 applicants was $4,530,881 for 2011-2012.

As in previous years, SUPAD divided into three subgroups in order to facilitate the detailed review and preliminary ranking of the applications. The subgroups and the number of applications within each are noted below.

	Applications		Award Totals
	Received	Recommended	Recommended
Biosciences	31	9 (7 awarded)	$365,874
Physical and Mathematical Sciences & Engineering	19	9	$594,763
Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities	11	4	$168,573
	61	22*	
			Total: $1,129,210

**Originally recommended 22, however, a total of 20 applications were eligible for funding. Two applications from the Bioscience Subgroup were not awarded due to funding received from other sources.*

Reports from a total of 25 arm's-length external referees contributed to the assessment of the projects this year.

Applications involving computers were referred to the SCUP Subcommittee on Information Technology (SUIT) for technical assessment. SUPAD met once to evaluate the applications and related materials. Separate meetings of subgroups produced preliminary evaluations.

The total amount of the awards recommended for 2011-2012 is $1,129,210; details are provided in **Appendix 1**.

2. ADF Small Grants Competition Results, Spring and Fall 2010

In the Spring 2010 Small Grant competition, 35 applications for ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award Small Grant support were received from all constituencies for consideration for funding. Approximately $100,000 was available for allocation. The requests for funding amounted to $282,651, whereas a total of $92,933 was awarded among the 11 applications approved for funding.

In the Fall 2010 Small Grant competition, 31 applications were received for consideration. Approximately $100,000 was available for allocation, whereas the requests amounted to $237,345. Of the 31 applications received, 11 were approved for funding for a total amount of $81,382.

Funding recommendations for the Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 Small Grant competitions are shown on **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3** respectively