

**Western Michigan University
Faculty Senate
Memorandum of Action**

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Renaming the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) and
Comprised Programs

Name of Council(s)/Committee(s):
Research Policies Council

Approval Date:
13 March 2025

Implementation Date:
Upon Administrative Approval

RECOMMENDATION:

The Faculty Senate Research Policies Council (RPC) recommends that the name of the FRACASF and the names of the programs contained therein be changed from


Andre Venter (May 5, 2025 14:56 EDT) May 5, 2025

Andre Venter, Chair, Research Policies Council Date

☐ Approve ☐ Disapprove ☐ Other Action
Comments:


May 5, 2025

Amy Naugle, WMU Faculty Senate President Date

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Jun 30, 2025

Remzi Seeker, Vice President for Research and Innovation Date

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Christopher Cheatham, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Date

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RUSS KAVALTHUNA WMU President Date

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The Faculty Senate Research Policies Council (RPC) recommends that the name of the FRACASF and the names of the programs contained therein be changed from FRACASF to RISE, FRACAA to ASPIRE, SFSA to CARES, FRFT to FAST, and PPP&E to P3 as defined within this MOA.

RATIONALE/PURPOSE

The current names are hard to pronounce, frequently misspelled by faculty and administrators, hard to remember, and also uninspiring. The new names are easy to remember and inspirational to faculty and administrators.

STAKEHOLDERS

Bargaining Unit Faculty
Office of Research and Innovation

HISTORY:

- a) Effective date of current version: spring 2025
- b) Date first adopted: fall 2025
- c) Revision history: N/A
- d) Proposed date of next review: spring 2029

PROPOSED POLICY LANGUAGE:

The Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) includes four programs, each of which has a unique purpose, eligibility requirements, and distribution process. The four programs are described in MOA-24/11 as follows:

1. Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA)
2. Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA)
3. Faculty Research Travel Fund (FRTF)
4. Final Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Works Fund (PPP&E)

The Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) will henceforth be called the **Research Innovation and Scholarly Expenditures** acronymized as **RISE**

FRACAA

Purpose: The purpose of the FRACAA program is to encourage and support faculty in significant research, rigorous scientific inquiry, original artistic activity, and inventive technology. A further purpose is to either (1) enable faculty to apply for external funds for future activities or (2) improve their ability to compete for external funds for future activities.

The Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award program (FRACAA) will henceforth be called the **Award for Scholarship Performance Innovation and Research** acronymized as **ASPIRE**

SFSA

Purpose: The purpose of the SFSA is to support faculty research and creative activities that will advance the scholarly reputation of WMU and the applicant.

Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA) will henceforth be called the
Creative Activities and Research Expenses Support acronymized as **CARES**

FRTF

Purpose: The purpose of the FRTF is to provide financial assistance for travel to meetings of professional organizations or other venues at which a faculty member will (a) report the results of original or applied research, either individually, as a member of a research group, and/or in conjunction with student(s) under their direct supervision; (b) exhibit or perform creative works; or (c) demonstrate original teaching/training/coaching methods.

Faculty Research Travel Fund (FRTF) will henceforth be called the
Faculty Award for Scholarly Dissemination and Performance Travel acronymized as **FAST**

PPP&E

Purpose: The purpose of the PPP&E is to support the dissemination of scholarly and creative work of the faculty in ways that enhance the reputation of WMU and the applicant.

Final **P**reparation and **P**ublication of **P**apers and **E**xhibition of Creative Works Fund (PPP&E) will retain the current full name but will be acronymized as **P3**