Sponsored Projects

Functional Lead: VPAA
Division: Research
Responsible Office: Director of Research

1. **Purpose.** This section defines sponsored projects and provides an overview of MCU’s current structure for managing sponsored projects.

2. **Background.** MCU places a high priority on faculty, staff, and student research, but does not have organizational structures, policies, and processes similar to the sponsored projects offices found in most universities.

3. **Policy**
   a. **Definition.** For MCU’s purposes, a sponsored project is a research effort, event, publication/material development, or other activity or capability development for which external sponsorship has been offered. Sponsorship may take the form of funds, services, or other assistance, such as logistical support.
   b. Any MCU personnel considering undertaking a sponsored project must notify the Sponsored Projects Council.

4. **Procedures**
   a. Applicable guidelines and required processes and reporting vary considerably based on the type of sponsorship and type of project. Therefore, in March 2020, MCU chartered the Sponsored Projects Council (see related policies and forms below) to facilitate the development of clear guidelines and processes and to serve as a decision-making body for questions or issues related to sponsored projects.
   b. As the Sponsored Projects Council develops guidelines and processes, they will be posted to the appropriate sections of the MCU Business Regulations Google site (see related policies and forms below).
   c. The MCU Sponsored Projects Council can be reached via email at: **MCU_SponsoredProjects@usmhu.edu**.

**Related Policies and Forms:**
- Academic Freedom and Non-attribution
- Copyright Protection Policy
- Faculty Council
- Faculty Development
- Professional Development Off-site Program
- Research
- Sponsored Projects Charter and Information Paper
Title 10 Employee Regulations

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