MEMORANDUM

TO:          UAH Tenured and Tenure-track Faculty Members
FROM:        Dr. Ray Vaughn, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
DATE:        September 10, 2015

SUBJECT:     2015/16 UAH Cross-College Faculty Research (CCFR) Program
             Request for Proposals

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OVPRED) is soliciting new and renewal proposals from UAH tenured and tenure-track faculty who desire to create interdisciplinary, cross-college research groups on campus. These grants will be in the amount of $5,000 each and must be spent within a period of 12 months (renewable with approval from OVPRED, for a total of 24 months and $10,000). A total amount of $40,000 is expected to be available for award in 2015.

The grants are intended to facilitate interdisciplinary interaction between faculty from more than one College around a common research theme. These collaborative teams must be composed of faculty from more than one College and would be expected to meet on a regular basis, share research ideas, and prepare one or more proposals to an external funding agency within the first 12 months after award. Consideration of continued funding for Year 2 of a previously awarded CCFR effort will be contingent on the success of the research group during Year 1.

In order to apply for a new Year 1 Cross-College Faculty Research grant, faculty should submit a request (12-point font, single spaced, one-inch margins, not to exceed two pages) which outlines the proposed research group theme, the names and departmental affiliations of faculty who have agreed to participate, identification of the funding agencies that would be interested in funding the proposed research topic, and whether or not there is international collaborative potential. In addition, a notional budget should be included as a separate page along with a two-page-maximum vitae for the principal investigator and each co-investigator. The funds provided may be used for any legitimate expense associated with supporting the research group. A mid-year progress report will be required by March 4, 2016, and a final progress report is due not later than September 10, 2016.

A faculty member may only lead a single proposal as a PI, but may participate in any number of groups as a Co-I. Proposals with group themes that are judged to be substantively similar may be combined by the OVPRED and funded as one $5,000 award.

Renewal requests for Year 2 funding for a prior CCFR award require the submission of the information above, plus a third page that addresses the progress made during the first year of funding. This progress must include external proposals submitted and their status (pending decision, awarded, or declined). Prior year efforts that failed to submit a mid-year progress report or final progress
report are not eligible for Year 2 funding.

Proposals should be forwarded as a single PDF file to the Office of Sponsored Programs by **5:00pm on Friday, October 9, 2015**, for consideration. Submissions will be reviewed by the OVPR ED for funding decisions. Questions concerning this opportunity should be addressed to Dr. Tom Koshut, Tom.Koshut@uah.edu, or Dr. Bob Lindquist, Robert.Lindquist@uah.edu, 256-824-6100.