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To : Vice Chancellor for Research and Development  
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Subject: Clarification on the Eligibility Requirements of ECWRG Guidelines

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The Board of Regents in its 1299th meeting on 31 July 2014 approved the guidelines on the Enhanced Creative Work and Research Grant (ECWRG). In the interest of maintaining consistent interpretation and application of the guidelines, this memorandum serves as a clarification of Section 2.3 where it originally states,

"Faculty and REPS across disciplines (e.g. sciences, arts, humanities, social sciences) are encouraged to submit integrated interdisciplinary proposals, or those constituting a value chain for basic and applied research with applications in public service. Each applicant in the group is entitled to the full amount of the grant based on his/her rank. Each Grantee shall have at least one paper submission where he/she is first author. The project leader/director who is understood to be the senior author, may submit a paper where he/she is not the first author but is among the co-authors so long as the same paper is not submitted by another grantee as a final deliverable."

Against this backdrop, we further elaborated on Section 2.3 as follows,

Faculty and REPS across disciplines (e.g. sciences, arts, humanities, social sciences) are encouraged to submit integrated interdisciplinary proposals. *This refers to an interdisciplinary program/project made up of up to 3 project components where each project component generates data that will contribute to addressing a general scientific problem. Each faculty/REP must submit an application for his/her project component within the framework of this integrated interdisciplinary program/project. The applications (project proposals and proponents) will be evaluated separately using the ECWRG criteria (track record, productivity, etc.). The approved proposal will receive the amount of the grant based on the proponent's faculty rank. If all 3 project proposals will be approved, the Grantees may collaborate in the implementation of the program through their individual projects. Each Grantee is required to produce at*

least one publication from the results of his/her project where he/she is the first author.

*For example, several faculty members may choose to investigate the arc-continent collision in Central Philippines. Faculty A will do the geologic mapping and interpretation of surface features related to the collision event. Faculty B will examine the geochemical characteristics of the rocks in Central Philippines to understand the processes of their formation. Faculty C will do geophysical surveys to examine subsurface features related to the collision event. Data that will be generated from the 3 project components (geologic, geochemical and geophysical) will provide information that will contribute to an understanding of the collision in Central Philippines. Faculty A, B, and C will each submit a proposal, will be evaluated separately, may each be awarded the grant, and if so, may collaborate under the aegis of a broader interdisciplinary program/project.*

We wish to remind you of the eligibility requirements for the ECWRG as stated in Section 2.2 and Section 5.4:

2.2. The track record of applicants in completing creative work/research projects (whether UP-funded or not) shall be examined by the screening committees of the CU and the System. Faculty and REPS with a poor track record of publication will not qualify for the grant.

5.4. The recommending CU shall ascertain the applicant's track record in completing research and other projects.

We also request your assistance in ensuring that the grantee successfully completes the grant. Section 8.3 states, "In no case shall a new grant application for the ECWRG be reviewed when the faculty or REPS has an outstanding submission for an active ECWRG from the OVPA." "

Thank you very much for your continued support.