During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Faculty Research Awards Committee met seven times to discuss criteria for funding and to determine which applications from the faculty would be funded. On the basis of last year's decision for more transparency, funding history and the names of recipients are now published on the FRAC website.

As in the past few years, the committee had a budget of $120,000 at its disposal + $10,000 from the Marshall Fund to be spent on projects in the "biological sciences." Fringe Benefits for the summer months (faculty and students) and all year (for Postdocs) must be budgeted from these amounts, as well as $12,000 for a two course replacement for Senior and Mellon Leaves (for engineers) irrespective of any departmental disclaimers that these may not be needed.

The good news is that the committee's budget has been increased by $70,000. Its responsibilities have also increased: FRAC will take on applications for support of Open Access Publications (previously handled by the Provost's office) and dedicate $40,000 to this. It will establish a subcommittee and work closely with the appropriate librarians to evaluate the publications and establish procedures. The committee will also resume support of print publications through its grants (temporarily these were handled by the Deans).

At its end-of-the-year policy meeting, the committee decided to consider applications from the nontenure-track faculty members in Community Health who have professorial appointments and do research.

FRAC members also agreed that applicants for and recipients of Summer Fellowships can supplement other outside fellowships (such as an NEH summer grant) up to the amount of a Tufts Summer Fellowship.

We also discussed ways to highlight and publicize the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award.
The distribution of awards in 2013/14 was as follows:

• Faculty Research Fund Awards (FRFs, Fall and Spring): 26 applications; 10 were funded by FRAC (two with Marshall Fund money).

• Grants in Aid (GIAs): 6 applications; 5 were funded, albeit not all in the amount requested. One round is still open.

• Senior Semester Leaves: 11 applications; 4 were funded.

• Summer Fellowships: 9 applications, 3 were funded.

• Distinguished Scholar Award: This year it came from the Arts and Humanities. (Last year the committee decided that it would only make one award per year, potentially rendering its task more difficult, but also making the award a more distinctive one.)

This year's recipient: Joseph Auner from the Department of Music.

So far $118,566 of FRAC funds have been spent and $9,376 of Marshall Funds.

Again FRAC relied entirely and with good success on its Wiki Website for distribution of documents to committee members and for the filing of applications by faculty. The site now contains an archive on past funding history and the names of recipients. Application materials on the Wiki will be updated for 2014/15 to reflect recent developments and to further clarify procedures.

The committee members, and especially the chair, are very grateful for the administrative support of Jillian Dubman and her assistant Courtney Spieler. Their work has become vital and is much appreciated.

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