

# Building Research and External Funding Capacity in Colleges of Education

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# **The College of Education at Washington State University**

## Some Specifics

- Four campuses
- 60 tenure-line faculty members
- K-12 teacher and administrator preparation programs
- Graduate programs in curriculum, instruction, special education, educational psychology, cultural studies, counseling psychology

# Context

- ❖ Many education faculty members do not need external funding to do their scholarship
- ❖ Pursuit of external funding has not been part of the college culture

# Proposals Submitted by Fiscal Year

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
28	40+	35	42

+2 new faculty members accounted for 10 proposals

# Proposal Totals

<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
\$6,799,808	\$18,060,911	\$10,923,365	\$22,826,211

## Funding Awards (based on credit share)

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011+
\$2,378,254	\$1,840,254	\$1,962,689	\$4,788,865

+ Afghan project accounts for \$1.7 million

# Expenditures

<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
\$1,890,000	\$2,251,000	\$1,476,000	\$1,910,000



**We are working to change the culture  
with respect to external funding.**

## Making the Case

Large reduction in state appropriations

Increasing reliance on external funding and associated facilities and administrative costs in overall budget

College wants to be viewed both internally and externally as doing its part

Resources to do the things faculty want to do

Must stay the course long term

## Timeline

- AY 2010 – piloted new grant incentive policies
- AY 2011 – created new position, Associate Dean for Research and External Funding
  - implemented faculty support
  - implemented college proposal development procedures
  - approved and implemented grant incentive policy

# Resources and Support

1. Brown bag workshops on various aspects of proposal development
2. On-line repository of funded and unfunded grant proposals
3. Incentive policy
4. Procedures

## Continued

- Faculty fellowships and faculty funding awards tied to external funding
- Half-time faculty research development coordinator (since late February 2012)