

Subject: Research Support Fund -- TOMORROW, 9/22, 5 pm
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Dear MSP Bargaining Unit Members:

You should have all received the invitation below from the Office of Research & Engagement inviting you to apply for the MSP-negotiated Research Support Funds. **This is a reminder that TOMORROW, September 22, 2023 is the application deadline.**

Please see the message below for details and a link to the application.

Dear MSP Bargaining Unit Members,

The application is now open for the [MSP Research Support Fund \(RSF\)](#) and will close on **Friday, September 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Article 26.6.1 of the 2020-24 MSP Collective Bargaining Agreement provides for a Research Support Fund for bargaining unit members active in research who do not have access to significant alternative funding, such as Research Trust Funds, gifts, external research grants, etc. Awards of up to **\$1,000** are available in each year of the contract to advance your research activities.

Please complete the [FY24 Research Support Fund Application](#).

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023. All requests will then be forwarded to the dean of your school or college for certification of the RSF requirements. Funding for dean-certified RSF awards will be allocated to an account managed in your dean's office. Every effort should be made to expend the funds by June 30, 2024. There is a maximum of \$500,000 available for distribution this year; if the RSF is oversubscribed, deans will be asked to provide a ranked list for funding.

NOTE: This award is offered once per academic year.

Sincerely,

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