

CHASS REEED Report to the Faculty

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The following provide some highlights of recent activities in the CHASS office of Research, Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development

* Dr. Ann Ross (Sociology and Anthropology) is one of three winners of the NCSU Alumni Association Outstanding Research Award!

* We will have an excellent showing both with the aforementioned research award, and with the Extension and Engagement Awards. However, our overall number of nominees was quite low, and several nominations were submitted at the last minute or past the deadline. Our office will be working with department heads and the CHASS Research and Extension committees to identify the broadest range of research and extension award nominees to continue CHASS's excellent record in this area.

* The total value of research grants received by CHASS this fiscal year is \$7.066 million, which is a 102.8% increase over the prior fiscal year, and is nearly 60% above CHASS's average from FY 2007-08 to present.

* At the same time, the value and number of total proposals submitted is down over the prior FY, and the number of funded proposals is down. This suggests a need for encouraging and submitting more proposals in the future to sustain funding growth. Such funding is beneficial to researchers, of course, but it also generates resources for supporting graduate students, while providing F&A (overhead) revenues to the college and the individual departments to defray the costs of operating a research establishment.

* The CHASS research office continues to work with the faculty and programs to develop means to allocate CHASS space in Hunt Library. An announcement on this process will be made later this semester or early in the summer.

* Faculty support for the idea of externally sponsored research is strong, with 65% of respondents to the CHASS faculty survey agreeing (31%) or strongly agreeing (34%) that the college should "improve funded research portfolio." This suggests ongoing interest in sponsored research.

* To streamline our efforts to process ad hoc funding requests, the CHASS research office developed an online funding request form, available from the link at <http://chassresearch.blogspot.com>. We continue to encourage faculty to visit and read the blog, which is largely devoted to posting funding announcements.

* A subcommittee of the CHASS Extension and Engagement Committee is developing a program for the use of humanities endowment funds that have been previously underutilized.