The USA Interdisciplinary Incentive Program replaces the USA Incentive Plan (formally VPIP). This new program was created to support faculty in seeking funding for research across disciplines. A total of $3,000 will be provided to Principal Investigator(s), PI(s), and Co-Investigator(s), Co-I(s), for each funded proposal that complies with the eligibility requirements below. The term “Interdisciplinary” is defined as projects that cross departments and discipline areas.

**Who is Eligible?**
Full-time, USA faculty, including non-tenure-track faculty and instructors.

**What Are the Eligibility Requirements for Proposals and Award Support Funds?**
- Must be a new, competitive proposal. Non-competing continuation, competing renewal, and supplemental applications are not eligible. This program supports new projects only.
- Must be for research, teaching, or training.
- Sponsor must be a federal agency or from private industry.
- **Must** project at least $100,000 direct costs annually on the average in direct costs for the total budget period.
- May be a subcontract let from an award from another (prime) organization (Incentive funding will not be distributed to a PI or Co-Investigator from another institution).
- Must include at least two investigators from different disciplines.

**How Do I Apply?**
- To be eligible for the award incentive, the proposal must be reviewed, and certified as reviewed by both the department chair and the college dean’s signature. The review should take place in sufficient time for revisions to be made prior to submission to Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA). Once this is done, the PI(s) must indicate how the $3,000 incentive funds should be allocated on the USA/SPA Transmittal Sheet.

**How May These Funds Be Used?**
- The funds may be (1) included in the recipient’s paycheck as a one-time payment; **or** (2) they may be forwarded to the dean’s office and further allocated to the PI(s) departmental account, or held in trust in the dean’s office where the PI(s) may use the funds for travel, small instrumentation, supplies, or any appropriate purchase that would support the research or teaching mission of the University.

This program can expire at any time following a three-month advance notification.