The Offices of the Vice Presidents for Research at UA, UAB and UAH are soliciting proposals from tenured and tenure-track faculty at their institutions who desire to create a collaborative external proposal team involving a partnership between at least two of the University of Alabama System universities.  These grants will be in the amount of $2,500 to the Principal Investigator (PI) at each participating institution and must be spent within a period of 12 months in support of the proposal effort.  The purpose of this program is to facilitate the research interaction between faculty at UA, UAB, and UAH and to strengthen the overall research offering by leveraging strengths at the respective universities.

In order to be considered, the collaborative teams must be composed of faculty from more than one UA System university who would be expected to meet on a regular basis, share research ideas, and submit one or more proposals to an external funding agency during calendar year 2015.  Continued funding for a second year of a previously awarded effort may be considered contingent on the success of the research group during its first year of funding.

Faculty wishing to apply for a collaborative UA system research grant should submit a proposal (12-point font, single spaced, one-inch margins, not to exceed two pages) which outlines the proposed research group theme, the names and university affiliations of faculty who have agreed to participate, identification of the PI at each institution AND the overall lead PI for the effort. Additional information should include identification of the funding agencies that would likely be interested in funding the proposed research topic, and whether or not there is international collaborative potential.  In addition, a two-page (maximum) vitae for each institution's PI must be included.  The lead PI should upload the agreed upon application in PDF format not later than November 21, 2014 to  **http://www.osp.uah.edu/UACollab/upload.php** .  The VPR's will meet as a committee to consider all applications and awards are anticipated to be made in December. The funded collaborative efforts should begin in the Spring semester.   The funds provided at each institution may be used for any expenses associated with supporting the research group (expenditures must comply with UA System and individual institutional policies).   A mid-year progress report will be requested from each team as well as a final progress report due not later than November 1, 2015.

A faculty member may only lead a single proposal as a PI, but may participate in any number of groups as a Co-PI.