The Council on Research is one of several council/committees of the University governance (University Senate). The Council is charged with regular review of research activities and the allocation of research funds within the University; review of proposals for new research initiatives or actions affecting the continuance of existing programs; review and recommendation of policies that guide research procedures being conducted by University members with regard to the well-being of animal and human subjects, safety standards, and compliance with other regulatory standards; the review of applications to internal campus research support mechanisms; and review and participation in the processes by which campus and/or SUNY excellence in research award nominations are made.

Highlights of the 2014-15 year in the Council on Research included review and revision of the guidelines for the Faculty Research Award Program and Conference support awards, progress on developing recommendations for increased undergraduate participation in research and experiential learning, and review and approval of a new Center in the School of Business, the Center for Advancement and Understanding of Social Enterprise.

Subcommittee Highlights

_Benevolent Association Graduate Research Award_, chaired by Lisa-Anne Donohue
Fourteen applicants were awarded at total of $6,820.

_Faculty Research Award Program – Category A (FRAP-A)_ , chaired by Keith Earle
Thirteen applicants out of 44 were awarded $121,344.80. The number of applications received increased by approximately 40% compared to last year.

_Conference/Journal Support Award_, chaired by Aiguo Dai
Nine applicants were awarded $19,210.

_Excellence in Research and Creative Activities_, chaired by Kajal Lahiri
Three faculty nominees were recommended for and received the UAlbany Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award: _Melinda Larson_, Biological Sciences; _Li Niu_, Chemistry; and _Donna Scanlon_, Literacy Teaching and Learning.

Other

_FRAP Category B_ – Twenty-six applicants were recommended by the Deans for the Faculty Research Award Program – Category B totaling $76,793.