**RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAM IMPACT AWARD**

The Research & Sponsored Program Impact (RSPI) Award is newly established by the Office of Graduate Studies & Research to:

1. recognize a faculty or staff member for excellence in obtaining external funding through research or program grant proposals;
2. recognize the impact of external funding on faculty, students, the university, the community, and our disciplines and fields of study;
3. promote a culture of grant proposal writing and creation of knowledge or technology among faculty and staff; and
4. encourage grant recipients to track the impact of their grant work on individuals, students, the university, the community, and their disciplines/fields.

The recipient, to be announced at Fall Conference, will receive a cash award of **$2,000** and will be honored at our annual award ceremony. Any full-time faculty or staff member who has applied for or received external funding within the last three years is eligible for consideration. Self-nomination is permitted.