

Dear UNE Community,

I am pleased to announce funding decisions for the 2025 Office of Research and Scholarship (ORS) Research Infrastructure Fund (RIF) program. The RIF program is an internal funding opportunity, using dollars generated by external grants' facilities and administrative (F&A) award to the University to cover indirect costs (IDC).

ORS manages a portion of the IDC funds to provide strategic investment in research infrastructure such as instrumentation, faculty professional development in research, and student research experiences. I am pleased to partner with the Deans and Units, who in most cases provide matching resource support to these strategic investments.

In this round we received applications from across the university and we are pleased to award 10 grants, representing \$144,819 investment in research infrastructure and scholarly endeavors.

Please join me in congratulating the award recipients:

PI	Project Title
Carrie Byron	<i>Incubating orbital shaker</i>
Eva Balog	<i>Service contract for isothermal titration calorimeter</i>
Ashley Buckingham	<i>Interprofessional Faculty Development using Simulation with Standardized Patients</i>
Ling Cao	<i>Matching fund to install two back-up power supplied outlets in Stella Maris</i>
Ling Cao	<i>Washer and dryer for Pickus Biomedical</i>
Russ Ferland	<i>Student lockers for Pickus Biomedical</i>
Lisa Herschbach	<i>Sustainable Innovation Center instrumentation</i>
Kristin Burkholder	<i>Replacement biosafety cabinet</i>
Amy Keirstead	<i>SURE fellowships Summer 2025</i>
Golshan Madraki	<i>Development support for CoB Supply Chain Center</i>

Sincerely,



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