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**Welcome** to the inaugural Research & Creative Scholarship Quarterly Newsletter. We are excited to offer this opportunity to celebrate the research, scholarship and creative successes of our faculty and students, share information about opportunities and resources, and highlight upcoming events. This newsletter and its contents are a direct response to faculty input received in the 2022 Research & Creative Scholarship Survey. You asked for more communication, celebration and awareness. This is one effort to fill gaps.

By reading this newsletter we hope you will learn more about one another, institutional support and opportunities for your research and creative scholarship. Like all good research and creative work, this newsletter is an opportunity to learn. Please let me know what you think at [jmekolic@radford.edu](mailto:jmekolic@radford.edu). I look forward to hearing from you!

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## Faculty Grant Spotlight



**Dr. Shala Cunningham, Associate Professor,  
Department of Physical Therapy**

*Grant sponsor: Physiopeida Plus, LTD (London, England)*

*Grant Amount: \$96,198*

Dr. Cunningham is responsible for supporting Physiopeida Plus, LTD on the ReLAB-HS project research activities. ReLAB-HS is a comprehensive 5-year program that responds to the escalating need for physical rehabilitation services for low and middle-income countries. ReLAB-HS is a uniquely talented international consortium made up of six partner organizations. Together, they have considerable expertise in health systems, innovation in rehabilitation service delivery and implementation science, gained from working in over 70 countries. Dr. Cunningham's work in the field of physical therapy will support one of the key partners (Physiopeida Plus) by providing evidence-based knowledge and resources which will include:

- ◆ Managing and assisting with the research plan and reporting activities as defined in the ReLAB-HS work plan
- ◆ Assisting with formal research publications with a minimum of one publication per year
- ◆ Preparing and publishing technical reports and informal publications
- ◆ Promoting the Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) agenda throughout all job-related performances and activities as outlined by ReHAB-HS

## Faculty–Student Success

Dr. Chet Bhatta, Assistant Professor of Biology at RUC and his student, Christopher Blankenship, have been selected to participate in the **CUR 2022-2023 Students Transforming Through Research (STR) Advocacy Program**, which kicks off October 23-24, 2022 and lasts until April 2023. This program helps faculty-student teams develop skills to convey the power of undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative inquiry experience to diverse stakeholder groups. Dr. Bhatta and Mr. Blankenship were selected to represent Radford University as one of 62 institutions across 28 states. Congratulations to our Radford University team on their acceptance to this nationally competitive professional development opportunity!



## Internal Funding Opportunities

**SEED Grant Program** SPGM would like to remind all faculty who are interested in internal funding to be sure to check out our SEED Grant Program. We are accepting applications from September 15 through April 15, 2023. Please visit our website for more info: <https://www.radford.edu/content/sponsored-programs/home/internal-funding.html>

**Global Funding Opportunities** MCGEE offers several funding opportunities for faculty who are interested in conducting global research, programming, or other scholarly initiatives. The McGlothlin International Education Fund and the R.J. Kirk Asian Scholars Fund are Radford-based programs that are available to faculty and students. Detailed requirements and information can be found [here](#). You can also find details for external funding from the Fulbright Program on their [Teaching and Other Scholarly Opportunities page](#).

## Research Resources

We encourage you to learn more about institutional subscriptions and memberships to support your research and creative scholarship.

We are enhanced institutional members of the **Council on Undergraduate Research**. Your fees are paid, just activate your **CUR** membership.

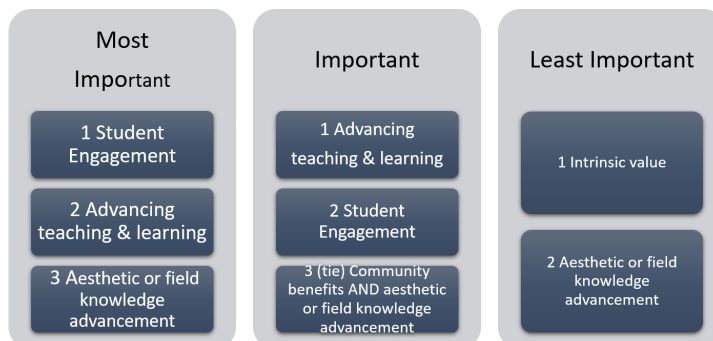
Looking for external funding? Explore the **PIVOT** database to find opportunities.

Our suite of **CITI trainings** includes support for grant writing as well as compliance training.

Need data? **ICPSR** holds databases for a variety of disciplines as well as “plug and play” research teaching resources [\[click here\]](#).

## RCS Survey Highlights

In Spring 2022, we conducted a faculty Research & Creative Scholarship Survey yielding 177 responses across all 7 colleges/school. The two largest contributing groups were Artis and CHBS at 28%. Respondents were also largely more senior faculty with 43% full professors and 37% associate professors. Over the course of the newsletters this year, we will share data from the survey. We begin with some basics. First, the most important reasons faculty conduct research and creative scholarship:



Faculty characterize their research & creative scholarship as: Pedagogy/Instruction 20%, Advance my Discipline 19%, Applied 18%.

Percentage of faculty indicating the unit below values research & creative scholarship “a lot” or “a great deal”

- 42% My department
- 30% My college/school
- 16% My institution

Most helpful support to advance faculty’s research and creative scholarship goals

- 49% Time
- 29% Flexibility in department/school teaching obligations
- 19% Travel Funding

## Did you know...

Radford University offers a week-long **Summer Institute in Research and Creativity** each May, in which faculty explore resources to support their research, plan and gain tools for completing summer research projects, hear about publishing possibilities, and gain the support of their colleagues. Topics change annually—if you have specific interests, feel free to share them with Heather Keith, Executive Director of Faculty Development ([hkeith1@radford.edu](mailto:hkeith1@radford.edu)).

**Hanover Research** is Radford's partner resource for grant-seeking and grant-writing training. They provide a number of resources including a bimonthly calendar focused on interdisciplinary research, among others. Please reach out to Tom Cruise at [tcruise@radford.edu](mailto:tcruise@radford.edu) to learn more



## Upcoming Events

**Weekly Writing Jams** Need a change of location to jump-start the writing of your book manuscript, grant proposal, poetry, or journal article? Faculty Development and McConnell Library are pleased to host weekly "Writing Jams" from **10:00am-12:00pm on Fridays** in the McConnell Lounge (to the left of the main lobby, with the vending machines). Writing Jams offer a quiet place to write in the presence of other dedicated writers. Bring your laptops or other writing materials. Please contact Heather Keith at [hkeith1@radford.edu](mailto:hkeith1@radford.edu) or Laura Jacobsen at [ljacobsen@radford.edu](mailto:ljacobsen@radford.edu).

**2022 10th Summer Research Celebration:** Each fall, the **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows** share their stories and accomplishments from a summer of research. The Fall 2022 Summer Research Celebration will be held on **October 12 in Kyle Hall 340, 11:00am-5:00pm**. Posters will be presented at 11:00am and 3:00pm, with oral presentations occurring in-between. You can view the detailed program schedule here: <https://www.radford.edu/content/ours/home/events/summer-research-celebration.html>



**Grantsmanship Training Workshop** **October 13 and 14**, 11:00am and 1:00pm on Zoom. Visit the [Sponsored Programs homepage](#) for more details on this 2-day workshop

In response to your feedback on the RCS faculty survey, we launched **Research & Creative Scholarship Connections Faculty Meet-Ups** earlier this month at RUC. These will be held twice per semester, rotating institutional sites. Our next one will be in **November in Radford. Keep an eye out for details!**



For a full listing of upcoming research presentations and events, please visit Radford's new Events Calendar:

<https://calendar.radford.edu/all/categories/Academics>

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