



# ROBERTS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Department of Social Work  
Dr. Dan S. and Bethany E. Berry Endowed Fund

This endowed fund was established in honor of Dr. Dan S. Berry and his wife, Bethany E. Berry (Bethany was the daughter of former Roberts Wesleyan College President Merlin G. Smith.), in order to provide the financial resources for the promotion of faculty/student research and grant writing at both the BSW and MSW levels.

Faculty members of the Department of Social Work wanting to apply for a research grant through the Dr. Dan S. and Bethany E. Berry Fund should meet the following guidelines:

1. Submit a written proposal by March 1st of each year and include the following information:
  - a. Names of principle investigator and student assistants
  - b. Proposed topic, setting, and sample size
  - c. Methodology
  - d. Timeline which should include the human subjects approval process
  - e. Proposed dissemination avenues

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Research Collaboration Team.

The annual Research Award will be announced to faculty and staff in the Department of Social Work by April 15; to the RWU community during the Faculty Awards Luncheon in April, and to the students at either the MSW Brunch or the BSW awards ceremony, depending on the department the principle investigator and student assistants are from.

The Research Award will be split over two semesters, fall and spring (August through April), as an overload for the faculty member. The annual award amount is based on stock market performance and will be announced prior to February 1 of each year. A possible example of the award amount and the way in which it will be split is as follows: \$2,000 per semester to faculty member and \$250 per semester to student, which will be credited to the student's account.

Before June 30 of each year, a final report must be submitted to the Research Collaboration Team and the Planned Giving Office. The Planned Giving Office will then, in turn, send the report to the donor's family.