

Research Support Policy, School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences

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In an effort to support research excellence and externally funded research at Brooklyn College we are establishing a Dean's Discretionary release policy to provide course releases in exceptional cases to faculty who are successful in securing externally funded research grants. At the discretion of the Dean and with the approval of the Provost, pending budget availability, the College will consider up to a maximum of 3 credit hours release time per academic year to tenured and tenure-track faculty who are Principal Investigators in highly competitive externally funded research grants. A release will be considered for each year a Principal Investigator maintains at least one active research grant but not for the years of no-cost extensions.

This policy applies only to full indirect cost research grants from Federal Agencies such as NSF, NIH, DOD, DOE, etc., which are determined by the Dean to be substantial and highly competitive at a national or international level. The policy does not apply to developmental grants, institutional grants, program grants, educational and student training grants. Developmental grants such as the NIH Score program are managed separately and the College already provides a matching 3 credit hour course release for SC2 grants as part of our institutional commitment to the agency. This policy does not apply to SC3 grants, but it does apply to SC1 grants which are more substantial awards.

The maximum release time that may be awarded by the College is 3 credit hours per academic year. Faculty are also entitled to buy out from their grants additional courses and credits at the College standard buy out rate. However, under no circumstances a faculty member's teaching load can be reduced below to one organized 3 credit course per semester as per School Teaching policy.