**University of Washington Transitional Support Program**

Although a university may have excellent leave policies, certain situations may require different solutions or supplemental support. The Transitional Support Program (TSP) for tenure-track and tenured faculty provides exactly this type of additional support.

The TSP is available for outstanding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) faculty, regardless of gender, who are in the midst of major life transitions, such as:

* the birth or adoption of a child
* personal medical needs (beyond the three months of sick leave)
* family illness
* elder care.

Faculty are encouraged to see the Academic Human Resources website on leaves: http://ap.washington.edu/ahr/leaves/

Faculty members in the following STEM departments may apply for transitional support grants if they are experiencing a life transition:

**Eligible Departments**

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| *College of Arts and Sciences*  | *College of Engineering* |
| Applied MathematicsAstronomyBiologyChemistryMathematicsPhysicsPsychologySpeech and Hearing SciencesStatistics | Aeronautics and AstronauticsBioengineeringChemical EngineeringCivil and Environmental EngineeringComputer Science and EngineeringElectrical EngineeringHuman Centered Design and EngineeringIndustrial and Systems EngineeringMaterials Science and EngineeringMechanical Engineering |
| *College of the Environment* | *School of Medicine* |
| Aquatic and Fishery SciencesAtmospheric SciencesEarth and Space SciencesEnvironmental and Forest SciencesMarine and Environmental AffairsOceanography | BiochemistryBioengineeringBioethics and HumanitiesBiological StructureGenome SciencesGlobal HealthImmunologyMicrobiologyPathologyPharmacologyPhysiology and Biophysics |

**Administration**

The TSP is administered by the UW ADVANCE Center for Institutional Change (CIC).

Support includes:

* release time
* research support
* caregiving expenses for UW-related travel – **NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE REPORTED AS TAXABLE INCOME TO YOU**
* other needs.

The TSP does not cover:

* Summer salary
* “B” portion of salary for faculty on an A/B plan
* Travel costs for partner or spouse

The TSP will be offered over four years (Fall 2015- Spring 2019). Approximately eight-ten awards per year will be made in the range of $3,000 to $25,000 each. If your situation changes after you have been awarded a TSP grant, the TSP committee will reevaluate your award and possibly return unspent funds to the TSP program so that others can benefit.

**Application Process**

To apply for a TSP award, please:

1. Write a statement of need (1-2 pages) indicating the following:
	1. Type of transition and the quarter(s) for which you seek support
	2. How the transition will impact your career
	3. Type and amount of support you seek, including a budget
	4. How this support will advance your academic career during the life transition.
2. Include your CV and funding record in the application package.

A letter of support from your department chair is encouraged, especially if your request is for release time. While departmental matching is not required, it can strengthen an application. You do not need an eGC1 for the TSP. Applications will be kept confidential.

If you have questions about the TSP, please contact advtsp@uw.edu.

Please email your completed application to advtsp@uw.edu.

Applications due: December 1 and May 1 of each year