

The Integration Cell is pleased to announce the release of the Prioritized Research Topics List (PRTL) and the Call for Air University Research Funding (see below).

## PRIORITIZED RESEARCH TOPICS LIST

The AU PRTL is attached (subsequent versions will be available on the AU website).

The PRTL takes the place of the previous "AU Topics List". It is based on inputs from Air University (AU) researchers and our partners throughout the Air Force and Department of Defense (DoD). New for this year: The topics are ranked in accordance with their fit within the five vectors of the Air Force Strategic Master Plan (SMP):

1. *Effective 21st Century Deterrence*
2. *Maintain a Robust and Flexible Global ISR Capability*
3. *Ensure a Full-Spectrum Capable, High-End Focused Force*
4. *Pursue a Multi-Domain Approach to our Five Core Missions*
5. *Continue the Pursuit of Game Changing Technologies*

There is no requirement to do research on topics of particular rank. However, the topics are scored in a way that reflects their connection to the Air Force's most important strategic goals. We therefore hope that students and faculty will take this rank ordering into account when selecting topics for research. Please note that the list will be continually updated throughout the year. Submit these new research topic ideas to: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/afri/callfortopics/callfortopics.asp>.

## CALL FOR FUNDING

AU is making funding available for student and faculty research conducted during academic year (AY) 2017 through the Integration Cell. This funding is intended to encourage and facilitate academically rigorous research on topics of importance to the Air Force. We hope that you will apply.

**When is the deadline?** The deadline for submissions is COB 25 August. We expect to announce awards by 16 September.

**How much is available?** \$100,000 total for AY 2017, of which \$40,000 is available for disbursement in fiscal year 2016. Grants will generally be in \$5,000 increments, but proposals for different amounts will be entertained.

**Who can apply?** AU faculty members and students wherever they are located. Researchers located outside of the Maxwell campus are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted from researchers applying as individuals or in groups.

**What can these funds cover?** Funds must be used to cover research-specific expenses, including TDY travel to conduct or present research. Other items may be covered in accordance with DoD, Air Force, and AU regulations. Note that the funds cannot be used for salary.

**How will funds be disbursed?** If you receive a grant, the funds will be transferred to your School, which will handle disbursement in accordance with existing DoD/Air Force/AU policies.

How can I apply? Submit a proposal of no more than 2,000 words in PDF format to [au.integration.cell@us.af.mil](mailto:au.integration.cell@us.af.mil) by the deadline of COB 25 August. Proposals should include the following information:

1. *Purpose of the research*
2. *Applicability to the Air Force SMP, particularly as it is expressed through the five strategic vectors*
3. *Impact on Air University*
4. *Impact on the Air Force and academic field of study*
5. *Plan for disseminating research*
6. *Funding amount requested and spend plan*
7. *Schedule for project completion*

While researchers can submit proposals on any topic, note that the array of AU research topics in the PRTL has already been vetted in terms of the SMP criteria that will be used to score submissions. Researchers are highly encouraged to consult these PRTL topics when developing their submissions.

Please direct any questions about the PRTL of Call for Funding Process to the AU Integration Cell, which can be reached at [au.integration.cell@us.af.mil](mailto:au.integration.cell@us.af.mil).