Policy Title: Professional Development Grant Eligibility Tied to Eligibility for UM Retirement Benefits

Board Approval: September 25, 2018

Background/Reason for the Policy: Due to conversion of the PDRG application process to electronic means, UMRA members who do not have an x.500 username are ineligible to apply. (This is because some are noted as "Terminated" and do not retain their username.) To address this problem, it is proposed to use the University definition of <u>eligibility for retirement benefits</u>-a combination of age and years of employment at the University--as the criterion for grant eligibility.

Oversight: Chair, Professional Development Grant Committee

Motion as Passed: Members who are eligible for University retirement benefits are eligible for research grants.