

TRANSFORMATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarly process at Azusa Pacific University should be an ongoing endeavor, informed by faith, that fosters a culture of inquiry; involves students; contributes to the quality of teaching, research and scholarship; and has a direct and lasting impact on learning. The products and processes of scholarly activities will be diverse, reflecting the strengths of each discipline as well as individual gifts.

<http://www.apu.edu/wasc/themes/scholarship/>

DID YOU KNOW ?

- APU has provided over \$2 million to support faculty research, teaching, and grants.
- Fourteen faculty members presented research completed during their sabbatical leaves to their peers at university sponsored luncheons from 2008 to 2010.
- APU sponsors Common Day of Learning every Spring which allows faculty and students to present their research.
- Faculty and staff at two centers (Murrieta and Azusa) collaborated with the School of Education to host research symposia for graduate students to present their research to School of Education faculty and students.
- Faculty from at least 15 disciplines have participated in interdisciplinary projects through the Scholar's Prayer Group. The group meets bi-monthly to provide mutual support for research and scholarship.
- Faculty in the Noel Strengths Academy received a Murdoch grant for \$60,000 to study strengths-based education.
- Multiple faculty have participated in the APU Faculty Writer's Retreat to support faculty research.
- Five faculty and 10 students in the Honors Program presented their research at the National Honors Conference and Western Regional Honors Conference, three students winning an award for their presentations and one student selected to be a national representative on the Board.
- Over 2,000 students participate annually in service learning research projects.
- The Department of Theater, Film, and Television developed YouTube scholarship competitions for freshmen students.
- The University Counseling Center received \$3000 from the Windgate Foundation for their annual Relationships Focus Week.
- APU budgets over \$20,000 for undergraduate student research annually.
- Since 2003, 20 students have been named as Fulbright Scholars traveling to such countries as Tunisia, South Korea, and Romania.
- One hundred six (106) faculty had their research published in peer-reviewed professional journals and 44 in book chapters from 2006 to 2009 with the assistance of the Office of Research.

ACADEMIC VISION 5-YEAR GOALS

- Recognize and value scholarship and research
- Support external scholarships, awards, and accreditation as well as application of such to social concerns or issues
- Assess the application of scholarship and research on student outcomes
- Support graduate and undergraduate student research by establishing incentives, recognition, and reward systems for student engagement and productivity
- Support internal and external funding for faculty and student scholarship
- Foster opportunities for interdisciplinary and scholarly exchange between and among faculty
- Develop infrastructure to support research, teaching, and grant application

