During the 2017-18 fiscal year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), the following research incentives are available to CCEC faculty associates, senior scientists, and senior researchers. The purpose of these incentives is to honor and award research productivity within the Schoenbaum Family Center and Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy. The incentive program will be updated at the start of each fiscal year based on available funding and considering feedback from Faculty Associates and CCEC leadership. All applications for research incentives are reviewed on a rolling basis by the CCEC leadership team.

1. **Seed Funding.** The CCEC offers grants of up to $5,000 to support new research activities and projects, including, but not limited to: travel; conference attendance; specialized software and equipment; and salaries for student personnel. To be eligible for seed funding: (1) the PI on the research project must be a CCEC Faculty Associate, Senior Scientist, or Senior Researcher; (2) research activities supported by this seed grant must result in at least two tangible research products (e.g. peer-reviewed paper, white paper, conference presentation); and (3) the research project must be aligned with the mission of the CCEC. Researchers can only serve as PI on one seed-grant-funded project per fiscal year. Funds may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next for the duration of the research project. It is expected that successful applicants for this award will apply for larger external awards during their seed funding period utilizing CCEC pre- and post-award support. To apply for seed funding, please submit a proposal (up to one page, double-spaced, 12 pt. font) at any time to the CCEC Coordinator via email describing: (1) the name of the project; (2) names of the principal- and co-investigators; (3) the proposed aims of the project; (4) expected manuscript topics and other tangible research products arising from this project; (5) how the research is aligned with the CCEC’s mission; (6) how the funds will be used; and (7) any external award applications that will be submitted during the seed funding period.

2. **Speaker Support.** The CCEC provides grants of up to $1,000 to support a presentation by a special speaker or expert in the field. This grant can be used to fund a speaker’s travel expenses or honorarium. Researchers may only receive one speaker support grant per fiscal year. Funds should be used during the fiscal year in which they are awarded. In order to be eligible for speaker support, presentations, and associated events must be open to attendance by all CCEC researchers and must be aligned with the mission of the CCEC. To apply for this award, please
submit a proposal (one-page, 12 pt., double-spaced) at any time to the CCEC Coordinator via email, describing: (1) speaker’s name; (2) brief speaker bio; (3) proposed topic; (4) presentation format (e.g. webinar, panel, etc.); (5) proposed audience; (6) relevance to the CCEC’s mission; and (7) how the funds will be used.

3. Research Fund. Research teams who have successfully received a new external award in the amount of $500,000-$999,999 (direct and indirect costs) may apply for a research fund of up to $2,500. Research teams who have received a new external award of $1 million or more (direct and indirect costs) may apply for a research fund of up to $5,000. Funds may be used to support ongoing research and team-building activities, including travel and conference attendance. To be eligible for these awards: (1) the PI on the project must be a CCEC Faculty Associate, Senior Scientist or Senior Researcher; (2) the PI must apply for the award; (3) the PI must agree to be responsible for award disbursement during the life of the project; (4) the use of the fund must benefit all investigators on the project; (5) post-award support and space must be provided by the CCEC; and (6) the research must be aligned with the CCEC’s mission. Researchers can only serve as PI on one research-funded project per fiscal year. Funds may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next for the duration of the research project. To apply for this award, please submit a proposal (one-page, double-spaced, 12 pt. font) at any time to the CCEC Coordinator via email describing: (1) the name of the project; (2) names of the principal- and co-investigators; (3) the proposed aims of the project; (4) expected manuscript topics and other tangible research products arising from this project; (5) how the research is aligned with the CCEC’s mission; and (6) how the funds will be used.