2021 RSCA GRANT PROGRAM

Academic Senate Grants Review Committee
The Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Grant Program, supported by funds from the Provost’s Office and the Chancellor’s Office, is intended to help faculty remain engaged in their disciplines beyond the classroom and to contribute new knowledge through robust programs of scholarship focused on strengthening California socially, culturally, and economically. The annual funding from the program is intended to provide more internal resources to help faculty pursue a broader array of professional activities.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Deadline is Monday, February 8th, 2021

WHO MAY APPLY?
All faculty unit employees who hold an appointment for the duration of the award (July 2021 - June 2022)

TYPES OF PROJECTS
All types of research, scholarly, and creative activities that are related to the generation of new knowledge and learning.
ELIGIBILITY

• All faculty unit employees.
• Must hold an appointment for the duration of the award (July 2021 - June 2022).
• Funding is intended to provide support to new faculty (i.e., appointed after July 2015) and to help tenured faculty open new scholarly directions.
• Funding is not intended to be an ongoing source of funding for faculty research projects.

• Applicants may only submit up to two proposals, either 1) one as the PI and one as a Co-PI, or 2) two as a Co-PI; submitting two proposals as PI is not allowed.
• Applicants cannot submit a proposal as a PI if they have received two RSCA awards in the preceding 5 years; this limit does not apply to submissions as Co-PI.
• Applicants can only re-submit the same proposal three times – one original submission and two resubmissions.
TYPES OF PROJECTS

• All types of research, scholarly, and creative activities.

• Proposed projects must be related to the generation of new knowledge and learning.

• This includes, but is not limited to, empirical and theoretical research, applied design and development, scholarship of teaching and learning, writing of books, and the production of art.

• Grants will not be awarded for instructional improvement, course development, or evaluation. If the scholarship is pedagogically focused, which is a fundable research type, it is incumbent upon the applicant to make this clear.
IMPORTANT

- The award maximum is $18,000 or 8 WTUs of assigned time
- Projects may begin on July 1st, 2021
- Projects must be completed by June 30th, 2022
- Deadline is Monday, February 8th, 2021
- For submission use Cal Poly InfoReady Review Application at CalPoly.InfoReady4.com
- For more information, please find the rubric and rating definitions at research.calpoly.edu/rsca
USE OF FUNDS

• Faculty assigned time (Max. 8 WTUs maximum)
• Additional compensation (Max. $9,000 per project and per individual)
• Support for student assistants
• Support for temporary personnel (e.g., consultants, collaborators)
• Supplies, services, and equipment
• Travel to conduct research (no conference travel allowed)
• Incentives for research subjects
REVIEW CRITERIA

Standardized criteria

• Intellectual merit
• Significance for the field or discipline
• Objectives
• Budget justification
• Qualifications of principal investigator(s)
• Benefits to the University

Additional criteria

• Project interdisciplinarity
• Potential to attract future funding
• Support of fields and disciplines with minimal access to external funding
• Involvement of students
In order to ensure proposals are equitably reviewed, the committee uses a review model based on full time equivalent (FTE) faculty across the six colleges, ensuring proposals are reviewed against other proposals in the same college.

Each proposal is reviewed and scored by three committee members.
ACADEMIC SENATE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

- **Javier de la Fuente**, Orfalea College of Business (Committee Chair)
- **Julia Kelley**, Associated Students, Inc.
- **Jane Lehr**, R-EDGE (Ex Officio)
- **Sarah Lester**, Academic Services
- **Kelly Main**, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
- **Rodrigo Manjarin**, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
- **Robb Moss**, College of Engineering
- **Dawn Brown Neill**, College of Liberal Arts
- **Shanju Zhang**, College of Science and Mathematics
Research, Economic Development & Graduate Education (R-EDGE)

- Todd Hagobian, Faculty Fellow
- Jane Lehr, Director of the Office of Student Research
- Lindsay Newell, Operations Coordinator
- Allie Walter, Executive Assistant to the Vice President
### TOTAL FUNDING BY COLLEGE (2020)

- Available funding: $172,688
- Funding used: $166,147
- 10 proposals awarded

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### Total Funding by College (2019)

- Available funding: $420,000
- Funding used: $413,435
- 25 proposals awarded

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• Project faculty and students should be conducting research remotely where possible during the time period in which Cal Poly has limited access to campus due to the COVID19 outbreak. In the limited cases in which this is not possible, researchers must request university approval via existing processes and follow all campus COVID-19 prevention and safety protocols, including frequent handwashing, cleaning protocols, physical distancing, and wearing a face covering. Faculty must also have all participants sign a safety acknowledgement.

• The CSU Chancellor’s Office has recently announced that, at this time, the CSU is planning for face-to-face classes in Fall 2021. RSCA proposals may be submitted with the operating assumption that campus will reopen in Fall 2021. However, we encourage PIs to continue to explore the feasibility of their proposed project should restrictions that are currently in place continue into the 2020-21 academic year.

• More information can be found on our website: https://research.calpoly.edu/research-during-covid19
MORE INFORMATION

For assistance with this application program, please contact:

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THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?