

2024-25 RSCA GRANT PROGRAM

Academic Senate Grants Review Committee



CAL POLY
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BACKGROUND

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.





Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities Grant Program



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline is Monday, February 5th, 2024



WHO MAY APPLY?

All faculty unit employees who hold an appointment for the duration of the award (July 2024 - June 2025)



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 2024 - June 2025).
- Funding is intended to provide support to lecturers and tenure-track faculty, 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, 2024
- Projects must be completed by June 30th, 2025
- Deadline is Monday, February 5th, 2024
- For submission use Cal Poly InfoReady Review Application at [CalPoly.InfoReady4.com](https://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

TIPS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- When creating your project budget, we recommend starting with the Excel budget template before filling out the budget fields in the InfoReady application. The Excel budget template has formulas in it to automatically calculate the total budget amount, ensuring you do not exceed \$18,000. The InfoReady template is created by the Chancellor's office and some of the fields are confusing- we attempted to clarify the budget fields with the creation of an Excel template.
- Consider having your peers review your application before submitting.
- Remember that you are writing for an audience that may not have expertise in your field. If you are using technical terminology, please write your proposal so that reviewers can understand and make an informed decision.
- To achieve the most possible points in the review of your application, please refer to the scoring sheet.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Standardized criteria

- Intellectual merit
- Significance for the field or discipline
- Objectives
- Budget justification
- Qualifications of principal investigator(s)

Additional criteria

- Potential to attract future funding
- Support of fields and disciplines with minimal access to external funding
- Involvement of students
- Benefits to the University

REVIEW PROCESS

- 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.

AWARD DATA OVER LAST 3 YEARS

College	Instructional Faculty FTE 2023/24	2021/22 \$	2021/22 Proposals #	2022/23 \$	2022/23 Proposals #	2023/24 \$	2023/24 Proposals #
CAED	8.6%	\$18,000	1	\$27,000	2	\$17,900	1
CAFES	11.5%	\$36,000	3	\$23,962	3	\$35,960	2
CENG	19.8%	\$44,302	3	\$38,962	4	\$47,500	4
CLA	27.3%	\$56,748	4	\$62,962	5	\$94,012	7
BCSM	24.8%	\$52,709	4	\$60,745	4	\$55,898	4
OCOB	7.2%	\$18,000	1	\$18,000	1	\$17,900	1
Library	.9%	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,114	1
TOTALS		\$225,759	14*	231,631	14*	\$271,284	17*

*Please note, some projects have PIs and Co-PIs from multiple colleges. For these instances, each college involved in a single proposal receives a count in the chart above. The totals in the proposal column reflect the total awards per cycle.

ACADEMIC SENATE GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

- **Phil Costanzo**, Bailey College of Science and Mathematics
- **Bruce DeBruhl**, College of Engineering
- **Raphael Guerra**, Orfalea College of Business
- **Sarah Lester**, Academic Services (Committee Chair)
- **Dawn Neill**, Interim Vice President, Research (*ex officio*)
- **Hailey Powell**, Associated Students, Inc. (*ex officio*)
- **Emily Ryalls**, College of Liberal Arts
- **Angelos Sikalidis**, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
- **Lonny Simonian**, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

MORE INFORMATION

For assistance with this application program, please contact:

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ADDITIONAL INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1

TEACHER-SCHOLAR MINI GRANT PROGRAM

Discovery & translation OR Teaching and Learning. 2024-25 program dates to be announced.

2

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Revise and Resubmit, OR Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). 2024-25 program dates to be announced.

3

STEM NET SEED GRANTS/ STEM NET FACULTY FELLOW

2024-25 program dates to be announced.

THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?
