

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ROYALTY RESEARCH FUND (RRF)

The Royalty Research Fund (RRF) aims to advance new directions in research across all UW campuses, particularly:

- for **faculty who are junior in rank**,
- and/or in **disciplines for which external funding opportunities are minimal**,
- and/or in cases **where funding is likely to increase applicants' competitiveness for subsequent funding**.

The average success rate is approximately 27% across the three UW campuses and 25% among UW Tacoma faculty.

## PROPOSALS

The RRF welcomes proposals with budgets up to \$40,000. Proposal Descriptions are limited to (6) pages. Faculty may apply for either (1) the **standard RRF program**, which provides funding for 2 months of summer salary and other research expenses or (2) the **scholar RRF program**, which enables one-quarter of teaching release time.

## ELIGIBILITY

UW Tacoma **tenure-track** and **tenured faculty members** are eligible to apply; lecturers are not eligible.

## REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals are reviewed **on four merit criteria**: **1) Research Performance Competence**: Capability of the investigator(s), technical soundness, adequacy of resources; **2) Intrinsic merit**: Likelihood of generating fundamental advances in the research field; **3) Utility or relevance**: Likelihood of generating benefits extrinsic to the field (e.g. to society, students, community); and **4) Effect on university infrastructure**: Potential to improve UW's research, and education activities. **Rank** is also considered, with a preference for junior faculty among comparable proposals.

## APPLICATIONS ALLOWED

A (co-)PI may submit only **(1) proposal per round**. A proposal may be resubmitted twice (**maximum of 3 submissions**).

## DEADLINES

RRF has two deadlines, the first Monday in March (**Monday, March 1, 2021**) and the last Monday in September (**Monday, September 27, 2021**). The proposal is submitted through UW's grant processing system, SAGE, and requires Dean/Director approval. Be sure to alert them and the Office of Research in advance!

## RECENT UW TACOMA AWARDEES

2021 **Riki Thompson** (SIAS/CAC) | Discourse and design in the search for love and lust online  
2020 **Katie Haerling** (NHL) | Examining theory-based debriefing practices after virtual simulation  
2020 **Turan Kayaoglu** (SIAS/PPPA) | Rethinking Islam and human rights: Voices from the grassroots  
2020 **Randy Nichols** (SIAS/CAC) | Nintendo: Playing for power  
2019 **Chris Schell** (SIAS/SAM) | The hunger games: Food, fear and the integrative mechanisms driving risk-taking in coyotes  
2019 **Danica Miller** (SIAS/SHS) | Puyallup Sovereignties  
2019 **Ander Erickson** (SIAS/SAM) | Mathematics on the internet: Charting a hidden curriculum  
2019 **Laura Feuerborn & Kathy Beaudoin** (SOE) | Student perceptions of behavior and discipline in middle and high schools  
2019 **Ed Kolodziej** (SIAS/CUW) | Improving environmental forensics: Resolving and apportioning stormwater and legacy pollutant sources with non-target high resolution Mass Spectrometry  
2018 **Sarah Hampson** (SIAS/PPPA) | Mobilizing Title IX: Assessing activist goals and institutional responses  
2018 **Larry Knopp** (SIAS/SHS) | Shifting spatialities and ontologies of LGBTQ life in four U.S. cities  
2018 **Jarek Sierschynski** (SOE) | Decolonizing STEM practices and technology integration  
2017 **Ariana Ochoa Camacho** (SIAS/SHS) | Sensuous Colombianidades: Racial performance & transnationalism in NYC  
2016 **Ji-Hyun Ahn** (SIAS/CAC) | Selling aversion: Anti-Korean sentiment and New Nationalism in Postcolonial East Asia  
2015 **Kima Cargill** (SIAS/SBHS) | The psychology of overeating: Food and the culture of consumerism  
2015 **Robin Evans-Agnew** (NHL) & **Joel Baker** (SIAS/CUW) | Youth environmental justice and woodsmoke pollution

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The Office of Research is here to support faculty in preparing RRF and all other proposals, including assistance with project conceptualization, academic editing, budget development, and proposal submission. Please contact **Lisa Isozaki**, Director ([lisozaki@uw.edu](mailto:lisozaki@uw.edu)) to discuss how we can help.

## MORE INFO:

For full details about submitting to the RRF visit: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/>.

## Preparing a successful RRF proposal

The RRF requires a (6) page **Description of Proposed Research** with the following required headings:

### Introduction and Rationale

- *Theoretical background/justification*
- *Significance and Potential Impact*
- *Critical literature review*
- *Identify the fundamental “problem”*
- *Preliminary findings, if any*
- *Clear segue to research questions/objectives*

### Objectives

- *How do you propose to solve the “problem”?*
- *What objectives will the project accomplish towards that end?*
- *What objectives will the project accomplish? Provide specific, measurable aims.*

### Procedure

- *What is your plan for achieving the objectives?*
- *What methods/tools will be used?*
- *What capacities do you have to successfully execute the plan of action?*

### Time Schedule

- *How will the proposed work be completed within 1-year? A table with key milestones helps here.*

### Need for RRF

- *How will the award advance your overall research agenda and career trajectory? If junior: how will the award set you up for success? If senior: how will the award support you in pursuing new directions?*
- *How will award increase competitiveness for subsequent funding?*
- *Briefly: Anticipated contribution to the field and practice/society*
- *Document teaching load (if requesting release)*

In addition, the **following proposal components are also required:**

Cover Page, Response to Previous Reviews (*for resubmissions*), Budget & Budget Narrative, Curriculum Vitae for all (co-)PIs, Other Research Support, and References/Bibliography.

### Awarded proposals tend to share these common elements:

- Broad elements are understandable to a wide audience (scientifically-literate, but not expert)
- Proposes a discrete, stand-alone project, but with a clearly-communicated connection to the PI’s long-term research agenda;
- Clearly articulates the significance of the project to your field, and more broadly;
- Provides a well-reasoned plan of action that is feasible within a 1-year scope;
- Includes preliminary results (as possible) and distinguishes between past and proposed work;
- Emphasizes how the award increases competitiveness for specific future funding opportunities;
- Demonstrates how the award will contribute to your development and strength as a scholar;
- If applied/engaged work, emphasizes the value of the work beyond the particular site in terms of contributions to the field and your long-term research agenda;
- Describes the contextual factors at UW Tacoma that make the project compelling and impactful
- PI writes with the possible committee members who may review the proposal in mind. See list: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-committee-members/>
- PI has requested successful proposed from awarded PIs doing relevant work. See list: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-awardees/list-of-past-awardees/>

See full **instructions for submitting a RRF** here:

[www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-applicants/instructions-for-preparing-an-rrf-proposal/](http://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-applicants/instructions-for-preparing-an-rrf-proposal/)