

UW Tacoma Publicly Engaged Scholarship Internal Pilot Funding

In Partnership with the UW Royalty Research Fund



Overview

The University of Washington Tacoma would like to support faculty as they seek to advance their publicly engaged scholarship. For this reason, the UW Tacoma Office of Research will coordinate with the UW Royalty Research Fund (RRF) grant program to utilize the RRF application and review process to fund meritorious but unfunded RRF proposals. Over the past three years the average success rate for RRF applications across the tri-campus system has been 26%. This UW Tacoma Internal Pilot Funding mechanism is an acknowledgement that many unfunded RRF proposals submitted by UW Tacoma principal investigators (PIs) still have a high probability of generating important new scholarship and increasing competitiveness for further external funding opportunities. UW Tacoma will invest \$30,000 to provide support for high quality RRF proposals that were not funded during the last academic year. Unfunded RRF proposals submitted in either September 2017 or March 2018 are eligible for competitive UW Tacoma Publicly Engaged Scholarship Internal Pilot Funding.

The UW RRF grant program and the UW Tacoma Publicly Engaged Scholarship Internal Pilot Funding program share the following aims:

1. To advance new directions in publicly engaged scholarship, primarily in cases where funding will provide opportunities to increase applicants' competitiveness for subsequent external funding.
2. To support faculty development, particularly in disciplines for which external funding opportunities are minimal. Funding is not intended to support graduate students nor post-doctoral research projects (although such trainees may participate in the proposed research – see RRF budget guidelines).

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RRF applicants who were not funded in either of the two 2017-18 academic year RRF cycles (fall 2017 and spring 2018 submissions) will be contacted by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research (AVC-Research) around the time of the spring RRF award notifications (mid June 2018) with an invitation to apply for UW Tacoma Internal Pilot Funding. If a faculty member is interested in pursuing this funding opportunity, the following three actions must be completed by July 6, 2018:

1. Email Lisa Isozaki (lisozak@uw.edu) to provide permission for the applicant's proposal comments and scores to be shared by the UW RRF office with the AVC-Research. Attach a copy of the proposal most recently submitted to the RRF program.
2. Provide a one-page summary describing how the research will advance UW Tacoma's 2016-21 Strategic Plan, *Charting Our Course*. Because resources for the UW Tacoma Internal Pilot Funding program are limited, the primary funding criteria are: a) the scholarly merit of the proposed project, as reviewed by the RRF committee; b) the strength of proposed project in meeting UW Tacoma's urban serving mission; and c) the possibility that the project will advance at least one of UW Tacoma's Strategic Impact Goals.

3. Provide a budget detailing the amount of funding that is being requested from the UW Tacoma Internal Pilot Funding program (maximum \$10,000) and a justification describing how funds will be used to complete selected components of the proposed RRF.

Generally, the top ranked applications within a given RRF cycle will be considered for UW Tacoma Internal Pilot funding. Top ranked applications will then be reviewed and prioritized based on the extent to which they achieve the following:

1. The application provides a strong justification that the proposed study will contribute to UW Tacoma's Strategic Plan and urban-serving mission;
2. Sufficient justification is provided for the need for and feasibility of completing specific components of the project within a \$10,000 budget maximum;
3. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate the greatest potential to develop into successful applications for external funding and/or to generate pilot data for projects in order to support increased potential for subsequent funding.

In the event of similar scores for two or more applications, priority will be given to interdisciplinary applications in which faculty members from *more than one* program at UW Tacoma are proposed to serve as co-PIs.

Funding A total of \$30,000 is available for the current cycle of this funding opportunity. A single proposal may request a maximum of \$10,000. If summer salary is requested, the amount may be equivalent to a month of salary received during the academic year.

The AVC-Research, in consultation with UW Tacoma faculty that have served on the RRF review committee, will review applications and make funding decisions that will be presented to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for final approval. There is no obligation to award all the funds available.

Funding for selected projects will be available about August 1st with budgets automatically closing one year later, unless a different project completion date is indicated in the proposal.

Project funds must be used in accordance with UW RRF budget guidelines and may not be proposed as matching funds for another grant.

Report All recipients must provide a 1-2 page final report to the Office of Research within 60-days of the budget closing. Reports will be posted on the Office of Research website. In addition, recipients will be expected to participate in at least one public presentation, lightning talk, or a poster session of their work as a part of campus outreach and communication efforts.

Questions Questions regarding the application procedure should be directed to Turan Kayaoglu Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at turan@uw.edu, or Lisa Isozaki, Research Administrator at lisozaki@uw.edu.