

OFFICE OF RESEARCH

UW Royalty Research Fund (RRF)

The Royalty Research Fund (RRF) aims to advance new directions in research across the UW systems, 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.

Over the past three years, the success rate for RRF proposals has averaged 26% across the three UW campuses.

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 primary 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 times).

DEADLINES

RRF has two deadlines, the first Monday in March (**Monday, March 5, 2018**) and the last Monday in September (**Monday, September 24, 2018**). 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 RRF AWARDEES

2018: Larry Knopp (SIAS): **Shifting Spatialities and Ontologies of LGBTQ Life in Four U.S. Cities**
2018: Jarek Sierschynski (Education): **Decolonizing STEM Practices and Technology Integration**
2017: Ariana Ochoa Camacho (SIAS): **Sensuous Colombianidades: Racial Performance and Transnationalism in NYC**
2016: Ji-Hyun Ahn (SIAS): **Selling Aversion: Anti-Korean Sentiment and New Nationalism in Postcolonial East Asia**
2016: Dan Shugar (SIAS): **Morphology, Flow, and Sediment Transport in the Proglacial Slims River, Yukon, Canada**
2015: Kima Cargill (SIAS): **The Psychology of Overeating: Food and the Culture of Consumerism**
2015: Robin Evans-Agnew (Nursing) and Joel Baker (SIAS): **Youth Environmental Justice and Woodsmoke Pollution**
2015: John Finke (SIAS): **Modulation of Antibody Blood-Brain Barrier Penetration by Glycan Sialic Acid**
2014: Michael Kucher (SIAS): **Métis Cartography as Source for Ecological History**
2014: Huatong Sun (SIAS): **Cross-Cultural Social Media Design: Critical Design for Networked Sociality in a Global Village**
2014: Ingrid Walker (SIAS): **Understanding Desire: The Eros of Drugs and Altered Consciousness**

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

If you are considering preparing a RRF, new or revised, the Office of Research is here to support you! Our office provides assistance with conceptualizing your project, academic editing, budget development, and submitting your proposal. Please reach out to **Kara Luckey, Research Development Consultant** (kluckey@uw.edu) and/or **Lisa Isozaki, Research Administrator** (lisozaki@uw.edu) to discuss how we can help.

MORE INFO:

For full details about the RRF program, including previously awarded projects, visit: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/>. Our staff is also available to answer questions and assist in proposal development and writing, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Preparing a successful proposal

The RRF requires a (6) page **Description of Proposed Research** with the following sections. A heading for each of the sections must be included in the Description, in the order listed below.

Introduction and Rationale

- *Theoretical background/justification*
- *Significance*
- *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)*

Awarded proposals share the 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;
- For applied/engaged work: Emphasize the value of the work beyond the particular site in terms of contributions to the field and your long-term research agenda;
- Consider mentioning the particular contextual factors at UW Tacoma that influence the proposal;
- Review the backgrounds of possible committee members who may review your proposal:
<https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-committee-members/>
- Reach out to awarded PIs doing relevant work to see if they are willing to share their proposals:
<https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-awardees/list-of-past-awardees/>