

**Campus Council for Research (CCFR)
Notes from June 10, 2022**

Attendees: Surya Pathak (Chair), Leena Perera, Ann McMahon, Cindy Shirley, PK Sen, Marc Dupuis, Denise Hattwig, Ying Li, Sarah Verlinde-Azoefeifa, Joey Shapiro Key, Rebecca Price, Jong Yoon, Sophie Avila Leroy, Deanna Kennedy

**Welcome
Year-end SRCP Summary**

For the 2022-2023 Scholarship, Research, and Creative Practice (SRCP) Seed Grant, \$222,057 was awarded for 8 projects. From this, \$134,672 goes to support faculty effort, and \$20,227 will support student effort. The following projects were funded:

1. Drs. Robin Angotti and Kelvin Sung
Project Title: *Using Emerging Technologies to Create Common Learning Environments*
2. Dr. Ching-In Chen
Project Title: *Breathing in a Time of Disaster - Emergent Broadcast System*
3. Drs. Linda Eaton and Bryan White
Project Title: *Short Mindfulness Activity to Reduce Test Stress (SMARTS)*
4. Drs. Daniel Jaffe and Brandon Finley
Project Title: *Impacts of Freeways, Cooking and Wildfires on Indoor Air Quality in a variety of WA households: Towards Actionable Solutions*
5. Dr. Alka Kurian
Project Title: *Fourth Wave Feminism in the Global South: A Postcolonial Backlash*
6. Dr. Lori Robins
Project Title: *The Persistence of P. aeruginosa in Chronic Wound Biofilms: Insight into the Mechanisms of Action*
7. Dr. Seungkeun Choi
Project Title: *Electromagnetic Modulation of Organic Electrochemical Transistors (OECTs) for Chemical/Biological Sensing Applications*
8. Dr. Santiago Lopez
Project Title: *New insights on the spatial dynamics of plant invasions in urban parks in the Pacific Northwest*

Faculty awarded by rank:

- Professor x3
- Assistant Professor x2
- Teaching Professor x1
- Assistant Teaching Professor x1
- Associate Teaching Professor x1
- Associate Professor x3

Total amount awarded by year:

- 2022-2023: \$222,057
- 2021-2022: \$260,000
- 2020-2021: \$284,000
- **Grand total since start of program: \$766,057**

Surya: Ongoing conversation – how can we still keep this going beyond the five committed years?

SRCP external evaluation results

Ann McMahon presented results of the SRCP external evaluation completed by Dr. Andrea Anderson, SoundView Evaluation & Research.

Slides are preliminary results. Once a final report is published, it will be distributed to the Council.

- Evaluation Focus:
 - To better understand the types of and potential for impacts from the grant experience, which may or may not get documented in the annual reports.
 - To identify areas of SRCP seed grant program success and areas in need of improvement before the next iteration of this project.
- 4 audiences surveyed (target groups)
 - Funded Recipients of SRCP Seed Grant Program
 - Recent Awardees of SRCP Seed Grant Program
 - Non-Recipients
 - Non-Applicants
- Overall findings:
 - SRCP seed grant program is, in fact, seeding new research and scholarship, while helping faculty enhance relationships with colleagues, community members and students.
 - Those who have received grants acknowledge the value of the funding. Recipients benefit from the advice and suggestions offered by SRCP seed grant program personnel.
- Impact
 - Increased capacity for seeking funding to continue/expand research.
 - Enhanced sense of career self-efficacy – being able to further engage with research.
 - Changed views of how to (better) work with students.
 - Better relationships with colleagues and community members.
- Recommendations
 - Important to recognize the subtle and harmful consequences of the pandemic.
 - Time pressures, (pandemic issues and teaching/service load) cause faculty to question the cost-benefit of applying for funding they might not get.
 - Widely market the SRCP seed grant opportunity.
- Personal reflections (supplemental letter from Evaluator):
 - My interviews revealed an unintended consequence of the pandemic: holding classes on Zoom meant faculty are more isolated from colleagues and more focused on their own tasks.
 - My sense is that faculty are longing for ways to connect. It's more like, "how do I find others who have similar interests and with whom I can collaborate?" Or, "how do I find the funding sources that are more likely to support my research ideas?" Faculty mentioned time pressure frequently.
 - With these response themes in mind, I wondered how to make research and scholarship easier to achieve. "Mentoring" isn't quite the word that conveys faculty desires; it connotes something too personal. Perhaps "broker" better conveys what they seek. They need someone who:
 - Understands research in general and their research focus in particular;
 - Knows where to look for funding opportunities relevant to their research interests and can narrow the field of funding opportunities worth considering;
 - Can help them develop a competitive research funding proposal;

- Can identify other faculty members with whom they might partner who have similar/complementary research interests;
- Can identify existing/potential external partners that can broaden the impact of their research and strengthen their funding proposal.

Discussion regarding evaluation:

- (Faculty member) thanked Ann McMahon with acting as "broker" in her research proposal in the past that included a community-partner component
- Research Accelerator position - Interim Director for the Applied Research Collaborative is a new position that may help keep an inventory on campus (recruiting announcement went out by email on May 25, 2022 from Academic Affairs)
- Cindy: During 2020-2021 stated she saw a lot of single-PI proposals going out, rather than collaborative ones
- Surya: How can we make this award more sustainable in the future, so we have fewer declinations going forward? How to increase the number of PIs funded each year?
- Would corporate sponsors be interested in funding? Without being prescriptive?
- (Faculty member) It is challenging to adjust research to fit the different Sponsor's solicitation, but this has been a huge bottleneck moving into the proposal creation process and taking the next step.
- (Faculty member) More casual conversations around research through events would be appreciated. Another agreed about a quarterly research event. Another thought it would be nice to invite community or corporate partners as a "Research Happy Hour". A few more comments recommended it would be ideal to have an organized networking or structured/event rather than a casual one.
- Librarians can apply for the SRCP, we hope we can see applications in the future.

Announcements for next year and thanks

- Thanks to Joey Shapiro Key for her service! She will be on sabbatical for 2022-2023 and will not be participating in the CCFR during this time.
- Congrats to Deanna Kennedy for receiving the [UW Outstanding Research Mentor Award](#)
- Thanks to Surya Pathak has served 3 years as the CCFR chair. A new chair replacement process will happen in Fall 2022.