

## **Explaining the Faculty Research Fellows Program Database**

Several of the deliverables for the Faculty Research Fellow's Project have been organized into Database form. The Database is organized in Microsoft Access into several tables containing specific types of information.

The tables include:

### **CSU Centers/Institutes**

This is a composite list of all CSU Centers/Institutes that were identified through research and campus contact to have the potential for policy impact in California.

### **CSU Deans**

This is a table listing several deans from each CSU Campus that may be preferable to contact to identify appropriate faculty experts or researchers.

### **CSU Offices of Research**

This is the contact information for CSU campuses, in table form, for their respective offices of research/sponsored programs.

### **Faculty Expert Pages**

Although not a requested deliverable, over the course of research several links to faculty expert pages were found. Many are placed in this table simply should the need or desire rise to access them at a later date.

### **Faculty with Policy Emphasis by Campus**

This is the master list of all identified faculty whose center/institute affiliations, research, or expertise correspond with one of the identified overall policy areas. Faculty was identified through both web research and direct feedback from faculty, departments, and centers/institutes from each CSU campus.

### **Faculty with Policy Emphasis by Policy Area**

The information in this table is identical to that of "Faculty with Policy Emphasis by Campus", but instead the data has been filtered by area of policy expertise rather than CSU campus.

### **FRFP CSU Contacts**

This is the list of each CSU's primary contact person responsible for their own university's maintenance and update of FRFP databases as well as the point person to contact for distribution of RFP's or other materials.

### **Ongoing Projects**

This is a list of identified projects that are ongoing or have regular occurrence, either by center/institute or individuals. Most of these were obtained via direct faculty response.

### **Polling/Survey Centers**

This is a list of specific campus centers/institutes whose research and/or projects consist of survey research with policy implications, as well as centers/institutes whose work covers a variety of policy areas.

### **Master List of Policy Area Abbreviations**

Also included is a master list of the major policy areas that were identified, as well as their abbreviations that are used within the database. This is provided in Microsoft Word format.

### **How to Search Within Tables**

Information can be sorted or filtered using these options under the “Records” heading in Access. There are usually icons that can be used as shortcuts for these options in the toolbar as well. The data can be narrowed down into very specific parameters by using these features. For example, a filter can be created to sort for faculty within a specific policy area or department, such as “A (Aging)” or “Economics”. When the filter is applied it will bring up all results that meet the filter’s specified keywords or categories.