

## The IDEA Program Spring 2020

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The purpose of The Incentive for Developing External Awards (IDEA) Program (formerly known as Faculty Research Incentive Grant - FRIG) is to provide an incentive for faculty to write a competitive grant proposal for external funding, encouraging research, scholarly and/or creative activity at Sacramento State.

### Application Requirements

To apply, faculty members must identify a specific grant solicitation or a formal request for proposals to which they are interested in submitting a proposal. For this cycle, the submission deadline must be between August 1, 2020-January 31, 2021.

Applicants must submit an internal application via [InfoReady Review](#) describing their selected external grant program and demonstrate that the proposed project: 1) is in alignment with the funder's mission, the program's goals, and funding guidelines; and 2) would have a substantial impact on their research, scholarly and/or creative agenda or career plans. Because fit with the funder's goals and guidelines is critical for any successful grant proposal, applicants should carefully select their proposed funding source considering program goals, eligibility, funding limits and other requirements detailed in the guidelines. We strongly encourage applicants to connect with the Program Officer at the external funding agency before submitting an IDEA application. Applicants should also consider their readiness to complete the proposal including: 1) completion of preliminary research; 2) workload and timeline for submission; 3) qualifications in terms of project scope and size; 4) other as appropriate.

Applications may be submitted for individual or collaborative projects in which a PI from Sacramento State is the project lead.

Applicants may provide a letter of support from their department chair indicating the importance of the proposed project to the applicant's research agenda, the feasibility of writing the proposal within the proposed timeline, and documenting any research support or assigned time to be provided by the department or college to advance the proposed activity as part of their application.

**Deadline to Apply: ~~Wednesday, April 1st~~ Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> by 5pm.**

*The deadline is being extended due to the ongoing situation related to COVID-19 and to ensure faculty have sufficient time to prepare an application.*

### Eligibility

Open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty, and lecturers with multi-year appointments of at least 0.5 time base. Awards will be based on experience serving as a faculty principal investigator (PI/Co-PI) on an externally funded research project and prioritized according to the following criteria:

1. Probationary faculty who *do not* have previous experience
2. Tenured faculty who *do not* have previous experience

3. Probationary faculty who have previous experience
4. Tenured faculty who have previous experience
5. Lecturers with multi-year appointments of at least 0.5 time base.

Applicants who have received more than two IDEA/FRIG awards will be considered if funding is available.

Past incentive award recipients may not apply to the program until they have received funder notification from a prior grant submission supported by an IDEA/FRIG award.

### Award Information

#### Amount

For proposals with a total budget between \$10,000-\$50,000:  
\$1,000 toward additional employment salary or professional development funds

For proposals with a total budget above \$50,000:  
\$2,500 toward additional employment salary or professional development funds

Proposals requesting under \$10,000 are not eligible for incentive funding.

Funds for a collaborative submission involving more than one faculty from Sacramento State will be split between the co-applicants.

Funds will be awarded after submission of the external grant proposal.

#### Requirements

Recipients must commit to working with ORIED throughout the development of a competitive proposal for external funding including the narrative and technical components. **Note:** If a funding opportunity is later determined not to be an appropriate fit for the proposed project, the recipient will need to identify an alternative funding source and reapply.

#### Announcements

Awards will be announced around ~~May 1<sup>st</sup>~~ June 1st.

### Resources

Resources for identifying potential external sources of grant support for research and scholarly activities, including links to the Grants Resource Center and the SPIN funding database, are available on the ORIED website at: <https://www.csus.edu/experience/innovation-creativity/oried/find-funding.html>. Pivot is a new tool now available to connect faculty researchers to sponsored funding opportunities.

Pivot also provides scholarly profiles to match researchers with financial partners and collaborators. To access Pivot, visit: [https://pivot.proquest.com/funding\\_main](https://pivot.proquest.com/funding_main)

For assistance with identifying funding opportunities and determining the suitability of a funding agency/program, please email ORIED at [research@csus.edu](mailto:research@csus.edu) or visit our [webpage](#). Finding a suitable funder requires time for careful vetting and due to the high volume of requests, please contact ORIED as early as possible.

**Questions? Contact [research@csus.edu](mailto:research@csus.edu).**