

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Academic Federation Innovative Developmental Awards

The Academic Federation Committee on Research (COR) is now accepting Research Grant applications from members of the Academic Federation for “Innovative Developmental Awards” (IDA). These awards will provide support for AF members with PI status to conduct exploratory research in new areas for which they currently have insufficient preliminary data for a competitive grant application to extramural sources. In contrast to the Academic Senate Program “Grants to Promote Extramural Funding”, research proposed in IDA applications may be formative in nature. However, proposals should be creative, intellectually exciting, and show clear promise to yield findings that could serve as the basis for a well-defined future research application.

Award applications will be evaluated for responsiveness to the priority areas defined by funding agencies external to UC Davis. Priority will be given to junior AF members in research titles. Review will be based mainly on prospects of successful extra-mural funding and higher priority will be given for new work in research areas that are programmatic priority areas for major funding agencies. The review will be internal to COR, with assistance of external reviewers when necessary to supplement COR expertise. Based on the funds available this year for this Program (\$50,000), it is expected that there will be 5-7 awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 each.

Applicants in need of support to travel to professional meetings are directed to apply to the Academic Federation’s Research Travel Grant Program:

<http://academicfederation.ucdavis.edu/awards.cfm>

Applicants in need of support for professional development (to take a class or to travel to a collaborator’s laboratory to learn a new technique) are directed to apply for the Academic Federation’s Professional Development Award:

<http://academicpersonnel.ucdavis.edu/awards.cfm>

DEADLINE

Complete applications for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 are due **Friday, April 17, 2009**.

PURPOSE

The Academic Federation Innovative Developmental Awards are intended to support the research of qualified Academic Federation Members. Specifically, the awards enable AF researchers to explore new research directions. This program is not intended to supplement ongoing research projects or to provide funds for open-ended exploration. This award program will support AF members whose research is not sufficiently advanced to apply for extramural funds. Because the grant program is funded through indirect costs, the goal of the program is to support research that would generate extramural funding, thereby increasing indirect costs. Relevance of the application to this goal must be clearly stated in the application.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Academic Federation members with Principal Investigator (PI) Status:

The following AF title series have automatic PI status: Adjunct Professor, Agronomist (--- in the AES), Professional Research and Specialist in Cooperative Extension.

Academic Federation members who have previously obtained Principal Investigator Status by Exception from the Office of Research are also eligible for this award

Academic Federation members without PI status may apply for PI status by exception through the Office of Research in order to apply for this grant. Please take careful note of the award selection criteria listed below.

Please refer to the [Sponsored Research Manual – Section 105](#), for information regarding Principal Investigator Status. See also the [Academic Federation By-Laws](#) for membership eligibility.

Academic Federation members who are on leave without pay are NOT eligible unless approved by the Office of Research.

In the case of "on leave without pay," please include a cover letter requesting exception with the application addressed to the Vice Chancellor for Research.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Funding will be awarded ONLY for research expenses (salaries and supplies), not for equipment (except computers), travel to professional meetings or professional development. Requests for computers or software will be considered on a case by case basis and must be fully justified based on scientific need.
2. Applications will be considered for a maximum of one IDA every 2 years.
3. Applications must be submitted by the deadline listed. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 1) Applications must be submitted electronically, **via e-mail attachment**, to kapulliam@ucdavis.edu, by 5:00 p.m. Friday April 17, 2009. **Only one application can be submitted. If more than one application is submitted the first submitted version will be the one reviewed.**
- 2) The following website has the required documents for application and the submission guidelines: <http://academicfederation.ucdavis.edu/awards.cfm>
- 3) Applicants will be notified electronically by May 31 whether they are awarded funds.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

The Academic Federation Committee on Research will evaluate proposals, and recipients of IDAs will be notified via e-mail. In the event of requests for funds exceeding the amount available, the Committee will use the following criteria to rank proposals:

1. Scientific merit and prospects of successful extramural funding
 2. Highest priority will be given to applications from junior members of the Academic Federation.
 3. Higher priority will be given for new work in research areas that are programmatic priority areas for major funding agencies.
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