

March 3, 2009

**Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, and Administrative Officers
Members of the Academic Federation**

**RE: 2009-2010 Academic Federation Research Grant Program
Innovative Developmental Awards**

I am pleased to announce the fourth annual Call for Applications for the Academic Federation Research Grant Program – Innovative Developmental Awards (IDAs). These awards provide support for AF members in research titles to conduct exploratory research in new areas for which they currently have insufficient preliminary data for a competitive grant application to extramural sources. Research proposed in IDA applications may be formative in nature. 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.

Based on total funds available this year for the program (\$50,000), it is expected that there will be 5-7 awards ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 each. The 2009-2010 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS and relevant documents can be found at <http://academicfederation.ucdavis.edu/awards.cfm>.

If you have questions or need additional information about this award, please contact Kimberly Pulliam at (530) 752-4918 or via email at kapulliam@ucdavis.edu.

The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009.

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Academic Federation Committee on Research