

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. Research proposed in IDA applications may be formative in nature. Proposals should be clear, creative, intellectually exciting, and show 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. Review will be based mainly on prospects of successful extramural 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 estimated funds available this year for the program, it is expected that there will be approximately 10 awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$18,000 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://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/awards/campus-awards/index.html>

DEADLINE

Complete applications for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are due **Friday, April 14, 2017**. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt, please request one.**

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

Only Academic Federation members with Principal Investigator (PI) Status are eligible; members who are on leave without pay are NOT eligible.

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.

(Note: 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 without PI status may apply for PI status by exception through the Office of Research in order to apply for this grant.)

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Funding will be awarded **ONLY** for research expenses 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 bdrodman@ucdavis.edu by 5:00 p.m. Friday April 14, 2017. **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/index.html>.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

The Academic Federation Committee on Research will evaluate proposals, and recipients of IDAs will be notified via e-mail. Committee discussions and comments regarding applications/proposals will be confidential, and feedback on grant proposals will not be provided. 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 that have not been previously funded for an IDA award.
3. Higher priority will be given for new work in research areas that are programmatic priority areas for major funding agencies.

FINAL REPORTS

The committee requires that you provide a one page report to the Academic Federation Committee on Research by September 30, 2019 describing how the funds were used, how these funds allowed you to be more competitive in seeking extramural support, which extramural agencies were solicited for funding, and the outcome of extramural applications if available. All investigators must acknowledge the IDA funding in any abstracts or publications resulting from the supported studies.

Please submit the report via email to the Academic Federation Committee on Research Analyst, Bryan Rodman, bdrodman@ucdavis.edu, in the Academic Senate Office. The continued support of the Academic Federation research awards program depends on measures of success of the program's objectives.