Division of Social Sciences Funding for Projects Advancing Racial Justice

With the support of our donors, including alumni and friends of the Social Sciences, in 2020, the Division committed a total of $300,000 to support work that advances racial justice. In 2021, we allocated $150,000 to five projects that advance racial justice. This year, we are making available an additional $150,000 for such projects. These are research projects carried out by divisional senate faculty in partnership with local, state, or national community organizations to confront racism in society and its institutions. This program aims to focus on the perspectives and experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. The projects that faculty propose can be new, or funds can be used to support existing projects or deepen their impact through translational activities. Priority will be given to projects that were not already funded in the earlier round.

Maximum funding per project is $50,000, though funding requests can be much smaller.

The deadline for proposals is March 4, 2022. Funds will be made available by the end of April, 2022 and can be used through June 30, 2023. The proposal review committee is led by Associate Dean Amanda Datnow and includes faculty in the Division of Social Sciences.

Criteria for selection:

- Project must explicitly advance racial justice in society.
- Project must have a research component as well as an action component. *Research* can involve collection of new data, analysis of existing data, and/or the use of design-based research to promote change within social institutions, or other research activities as defined within investigators' fields of study. The projects and partnerships do not need to be new, and funds can be used to extend existing projects and partnerships. *Actions* can include any means appropriate to the project but must be aimed at using research to advance racial justice in social institutions. This can include using project results to promote anti-racism at UCSD or linking the project to existing anti-racist work happening on campus. Funds can also be used for the translation and/ distribution of results from an existing partnership so that the findings can be used to inform action in practice or policy.
- Project must involve a partnership with a community organization outside of UC San Diego (e.g., non-profit organization, educational institution, government agency, etc.) at the local, state, or national level. We aim to support partnerships

that mutually benefit researchers and members of the community or organization and have the potential or track record of being long-term and deeply embedded. We will not fund those that appear to be short-term, superficial or extractive of partners or communities.

- At least one principal investigator must be a senate faculty member in the Division of Social Sciences. Preference will be given to projects that engage students and proposals by junior faculty will receive special consideration for funding.

Allowable expenses

Fundable expenses include: salary or stipends for graduate or undergraduate student researchers (not including tuition), up to 1/9th of summer salary for faculty (involving no more than 50% of the total project funds), travel, stipends for community partners or to organizations to support their collaboration on the project, research participant compensation, software, hardware, or technological support services, writing services to assist grant proposal writing or public communications, and expenses associated with scholarly communication, conferences, workshops, and events.

Proposal Deadlines

Deadline: March 4, 2022, 11:59pm, with notification by April 15, 2022

Proposal Content

A. Project description [maximum 2 pages]
1. Description of project and activities, both the research and action components
2. Description of partner organization and how they will be involved and benefit, including a history of partnership with the organization, if applicable.
3. Description of the project's significance for the field and for promoting racial justice

B. Budget and Budget Narrative [maximum 2 pages]
1. Other funding the researcher(s) has/have been awarded for this project
2. Evidence of financial need (for instance, lack of existing grant resources for this particular project).
3. Budget Narrative
4. Draft Budget

Submission

Submit all the proposal content in a single file via the online [submission portal](). To use this portal, the applicant must log in using UCSD email address and AD (wifi/email) password.

Summary

Also submit through the portal: a brief description (maximum 100 words) for a general audience of the proposed activity and its impact, to be used in public communication about divisional activities.

Reporting

We are aiming for these projects to have a long term impact. However, we do ask that you submit a brief progress report after one year using an online form.

In the future, we plan to host a symposium in which project team members (researchers and community partners) share their work with each other and with donors.

Questions

Contact Associate Dean Amanda Datnow (adatnow@ucsd.edu).