

CASA RSCA Infusion Request for Proposals
AY 16-17 Funding Opportunities Description
Award Period: Jan 1 2018 – June 30 2018

In addition to the on-going SJSU and CSU funding for the Central RSCA program, the Provost has again designated additional funding to colleges for AY 17-18 for the purpose of supporting Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities (RSCA). The purpose of the RSCA funds is to 1) stimulate and support RSCA activity and 2) develop incentives and opportunities for faculty members to become and remain RSCA active throughout their careers. In support of these aims and of CASA's mission, the College is providing the following opportunities for tenure/tenure track faculty:

Award Opportunities

Assigned Time Grants for Interdisciplinary and/or Community Collaborations:

Partnership and Collaboration and *Service for the Greater Good* are core values supporting the CASA mission. These assigned time awards will be given to support interdisciplinary or community collaborations to work on a RSCA project such as a journal article or a grant proposal. An interdisciplinary collaboration consists of 2 or more faculty from multiple departments; a community collaboration involves at least one faculty member and at least one external community partner. Interdisciplinary collaborations may involve faculty from outside CASA, but awards will only be given to CASA faculty. CASA faculty members working together on an interdisciplinary collaboration may each apply for an assigned time award; community collaborations may apply for one award. The aim is to support the development of sustainable and productive topic-focused RSCA collaborations that persist after the end of the funding period.

Optional supplementary awards:

Faculty may apply for up to \$2000 in additional funding to hire a student research assistant.

Eligibility and Requirements

Tenure-track and tenured faculty members may apply for CASA AY 17-18 RSCA Infusion opportunities. Faculty members who received CASA RSCA Infusion awards in AY 16-17 must have completed their projects and submitted a final report. A final report will be required at the end of the reward period, with eligibility for future CASA RSCA resources contingent upon report submission and successful completion of the project. Recipients of CASA AY 17-18 RSCA Infusion awards will be expected to share results with the CASA community through blog posts and presentations.

It is the expectation that all CASA faculty members complete the CASA annual survey of RSCA accomplishments, to be administered in the Spring.

Application Process:

In addition to the application form, submissions should contain a *proposal narrative* (not to exceed 3 pages) comprised of: 1) a brief description of each participating CASA faculty member's RSCA agenda, along with an explanation of how this project supports the development of that agenda; 2) an introduction of the issue or need to be addressed; 3) the scope of work to be undertaken by the group or collaboration; 4) (if requesting RA) a description of how student will contribute to the project; 5) how the group/collaboration will be sustained; and 6) several references from the literature (not included in page count).

Criteria:

- Clarity and completeness of proposal;
- Contribution of project to knowledge and scholarship in the discipline;
- Clarity and strength of involved faculty member's RSCA agenda, and fit of project within that agenda;
- Evidence of team's ability to complete project within timeframe;
- Sustainability of the collaboration;
- Value of project to student learning.

Submission Deadline:

Application packets should be submitted to Eddie Jimenez, eddie.jimenez@sjsu.edu via email. The deadline for submission is 5PM, Monday October 16, 2017.

Questions?

Attend one of two Q&A sessions:

1. Friday September 29, 2-3PM, MQH 438A
2. Wednesday October 4, 12-1PM via Zoom (<https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/897237275>).

Email any additional questions to Amy D'Andrade, CASA Associate Dean for Research, at amy.dandrade@sjsu.edu.

FAQ regarding the AY 17-18 CASA RSCA Infusion Funds

1. What is RSCA?

"RSCA" is a general term that refers to faculty research, scholarship and creative activity. The kind of projects considered "RSCA" varies by discipline, and across the different departments in CASA. Generally RSCA work leads to accomplishments that would be listed in the Scholarly/Artistic/Professional Achievements category of the dossier (see Senate Policy S 15-8 for further guidelines). "Creative Activity" refers to those activities aligned with the Scholarly/Artistic/Professional Achievements category of the dossier for faculty in creative tracks of their disciplines.

2. How do these CASA RSCA Infusion grants differ from the annual SJSU Central RSCA grants?

Each year the university offers Central RSCA grants, drawing on SJSU and CSU funds. This year, the Provost allocated an additional \$600,000 dollars for RSCA, with most of this money allocated to colleges based on FTEF. These are the "infusion" funds behind this call.

3. Can I apply for the CASA RSCA Infusion grant if I was awarded a SJSU Central RSCA grant for AY 17-18, or a CASA RSCA Infusion grant for AY 16-17?

Yes, with these caveats: If you have been awarded a SJSU Central RSCA grant for AY17-18, you will need to describe on the CASA application how the current project is *different from* or *extends* the work funded by the Central RSCA grant. If you were awarded a CASA RSCA Infusion grant for AY 16-17, you need to have completed the funded project and submitted your final report.

4. If I previously applied for but didn't receive a SJSU Central RSCA or CASA RSCA Infusion grant, can I resubmit the proposal?

Yes, but you may wish to get critical feedback on your previous proposal, and revise it before doing so.

5. I have a great idea for a new course/service project/organization. Would this qualify for this funding?

Probably not. These funds have been designated specifically to support faculty RSCA. However, RSCA activities that support your idea might be funded. You could apply for funds to do research or scholarship on teaching, or test a new pedagogical strategy, for instance. Check with your chair, the new Senate Policy S 15-8, or the CASA Associate Dean for Research if you are unsure whether your idea would be considered "RSCA."

6. What is meant by "RSCA Agenda"?

Your RSCA agenda includes the long-term aim(s) of your RSCA work, and your plans for accomplishing those objectives. The project or work you propose to fund should fit within that framework, and support you in developing and furthering your RSCA agenda. You can see examples of brief descriptions of RSCA agendas from CASA faculty [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5txeRh7hvvdakNJRfVlSnQzWW8/view?usp=sharing) [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5txeRh7hvvdakNJRfVlSnQzWW8/view?usp=sharing].

7. Will my application be more competitive if I don't request the supplemental funding for the Research Assistant?

No. Engaging students in RSCA is a high-impact educational practice, and is encouraged. In fact, you will see that one of the criteria for the award is the effect on student learning.

8. I have more/other questions.

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