RSCA Infusion Funding
Academic Plan Priority #3
RSCA Distribution of Funding – University Library
$29,534

I. Academic Affairs Academic Plan Guiding Principles for RSCA
The 2015-2016 Academic Plan articulates the following goals of promoting RSCA @ SJSU:
• Affording students greater opportunities to participate in RSCA (a high impact practice for education and retention);
• Making us better educators/librarians by keeping us current and engaged;
• Better diversifying the university's revenue streams via extramural funding, thus improving our overall financial health;
• Enriching the intellectual life for our students, faculty, and community; and
• Increasing our university's reputation (which to a first approximation depends on faculty scholarly profile).

In addition, the plan supports two strategies for building a more RSCA-intensive culture at SJSU by
• Supporting existing RSCA;
• Developing incentives and opportunities for faculty to become and remain more RSCA active.

2. University Library RSCA
In the University Library, we value the rich diversity in research, scholarship, and creative activity in which our faculty engage. In particular, we value student success and the study of library practices and programs that support student success and facilitate research.

3. Eligibility
• All probationary, tenured, and lecturer faculty are eligible to apply for funding.
• FERP faculty are not eligible.

4. RSCA Distribution of Funding

Grant Application Incentive
• $1,500 for grant application incentive: Any faculty member who has applied or will apply for an external (outside from SJSU) grant in 2015-2016 worth between $2,000 and $10,000 is eligible to apply for a $1,500 for RSCA activities involving travel expenses, conference registration, materials or related expenses for research or scholarships (to be used by June 30, 2016). To receive the incentive, applicant must:

  ▪ Attend a grant workshop sponsored by The Center of Faculty Development or another entity on campus; and
  ▪ Submit a grant with Dean’s approval. To ensure approval, faculty should contact the Dean when deciding to apply for a grant so impacts, opportunities, and effective budgeting can be discussed in advance of application.

Student Success Research
• **$5,000 for research on student success and the impact of library practices or library use**; 
  $2,500 incentive stipends upon the publication or acceptance of an article on student success and libraries for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in library science, education or related field. Funds received must be applied to RSCA activities involving travel expenses, conference registration, materials or related expenses for research or scholarships (to be used by June 30, 2016).

**Professional Travel**

• **$23,000 for professional travel**; $1,500 for travel expenses or conference registration for events occurring before June 30, 2016 upon the acceptance to present a conference paper or program at a refereed or peer-reviewed conference in 2015-2016.

5. Proposal Process

A proposal form will be created and distributed to eligible faculty by September 15, 2015. Submissions will require:

**Grant Application Incentive Proposals**

- A narrative about the grant project
- Projected impacts
- A budget detailing the distribution plans for the RSCA funds
- Identification of an all library staff and faculty meeting and/or a University Library Board meeting for public presentation of project results of the awarded grant.

**Student Success Research Proposals**

- Statement explaining scope of project and how it relates to student success
- Proof of article’s publication or acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal in library science, education or related field
- A budget detailing the distribution plans for the RSCA funds
- Identification of an all library staff and faculty meeting and/or a University Library Board meeting for public presentation of article’s findings

**Professional Travel Proposals (funds for travel need to be used by June 30, 2016)**

- A detailed budget that includes estimated airfare, hotel, registration, and related expenses for the proposed travel
- Proof of conference paper or program acceptance by a peer-reviewed conference
- Identification of an all library staff and faculty meeting and/or a University Library Board meeting for public presentation of paper or program results.

All RSCA grant awardees will also be required to provide the Associate Dean and Dean with a report on the outcomes of their RSCA-funded activities within six weeks after the completion of the award period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
6. Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by an ad-hoc Library RSCA committee composed of the Associate Dean of User Services, Research, and Scholarly Communications and two librarians (1 tenure and 1 tenure-track), and will be evaluated on a ten-point scale based on:

1) Strength of proposal (5 points);
2) Evaluation of how proposal supports the student success goals outlined in the 2015-2017 Academic Plan (3 points);
3) Consideration of outcomes as per the three-point scale in the table below (up to 2 points)

One point each will be awarded for each of the following relevant aspects of the proposal:

- Involves student success
- Is a collaborative project involving more than one library faculty member or a faculty member from an academic department

7. Proposal Timeline

There will be four proposal cycles:

Cycle #1: Proposals due October 5, 2015 at 5.00 p.m.
Submit to: Associate Dean for User Services, Research and Scholarly Resources
Subject line: RSCA proposal

Cycle #2: Proposals due December 7, 2015 at 5.00 p.m.
Submit to: Associate Dean for User Services, Research and Scholarly Resources
Subject line: RSCA proposal

Cycle #3: Proposals due February 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Submit to: Associate Dean for User Services, Research and Scholarly Resources
Subject line: RSCA proposal

Cycle #4: Proposals due April 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Submit to: Associate Dean for User Services, Research and Scholarly Resources
Subject line: RSCA proposal

Funding will become available on a rolling basis effective October 15, 2015. Program will continue until all funds are exhausted.

All travel must comply with the university travel policy