

RSCA (Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity) Program
General Description and Instructions for Spring 2015 Proposals
Award Period: 7/1/15 - 6/30/16

The Academic Affairs Division announces the continuation of the RSCA grant program, providing Division support (and CSU support if CSU RSCA funding becomes available) to lecturers, tenure-track and tenured faculty for their research, scholarship and creative activities. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for funding to assist them as they advance an on-going RSCA project, or as they launch a new avenue of RSCA. Faculty who receive funding through this program are expected to share their accomplishments at a campus-wide event and will also be expected to serve as a resource for prospective applicants. **Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2015**, see Submission Procedures below for further information. Proposal due date and time are FIRM. Late proposals WILL NOT be accepted.

Eligibility:

All lecturers, tenure-track and tenured faculty are eligible. Only one proposal per faculty member may be submitted. Collaborative proposals submitted by more than one faculty member will be considered. In such cases, each faculty member should write their own proposal independently describing the joint effort in general and their particular contribution in greater detail. Indicate whether the project can go forward if only one faculty member's proposal is funded.

Types of Funding:

Lecturers may apply for a summer salary award (\$5,000 for July 2015 or June 2016) or for funds to support their RSCA (up to \$5,000, see Budget Form). Tenured and tenure-track faculty may apply for release time (0.2 for Fall 2015 or Spring 2016), or a summer salary award (\$5,000 for July 2015 or June 2016), or for funds to support their RSCA (up to \$5,000, see Budget Form).

Proposals must contain the following components:

A cover page (Cover Page)

A budget (Budget Form)

A proposal narrative (not to exceed 3 pages) addressing the following elements:

- Statement of need/problem to be addressed and likely contribution to the discipline;
- Description of the scope of the work for the proposed project including methodology;
- Plan for dissemination and/or seeking of external funding;
- Brief budget justification; and
- References/works cited, as appropriate (counted as part of the 3-page limit).

Submission Procedures:

A paper copy of the complete application (Cover Page, Budget Form, and Narrative) with your original signature as well as that of your Chair/Director and your Dean, must be submitted to the Office of Research, in care of Jeanine Jones, ADM 223A, 0025, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015.

Criteria for Selection:

Proposals will be evaluated by faculty committees with representation from all colleges and the Library. Lecturers and tenure-track faculty proposals will be considered separately from tenured faculty proposals.

The following criteria will be considered:

- Clarity of the proposal
- Completeness of the proposal
- Contribution to knowledge and scholarship in the discipline
- Likely educational impact on students
- Feasibility of the proposed activity within the timeline
- Appropriateness of the proposed budget

Restrictions:

RSCA award funds may not be used to purchase gifts or gift cards.

If you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please contact the Office of Research in care of Jeanine Jones at jeanine.jones@sjsu.edu.