



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics

Martin V. Smith School Scholarship & Professional Development Mini-Grant

Supporting Scholarship and Professional Development

The Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics Scholarship and Professional Development Mini-Grants provide funds to support faculty, or small teams of faculty, in maintaining the School's commitment to the teacher-scholar model and continued academic/professional qualification, per ACBSP Accreditation. The mini-grants may be used to support the following: acquisition of data, participant payment, student assistant hours, participant compensation, software, publication/presentation expenses, participation in virtual conferences/workshops, etc. The funds may be used to support student research assistance only after faculty have applied through the SURF Program. The funds cannot be used to fund faculty compensation.

Martin V. Smith School Strategic Plan Alignment: Objective 2.3 – Develop, support, and sustain faculty research; Objective 2.4 – Hire and retain a well-qualified instructional base.

CSUCI Strategic Initiative Alignment: Action 1.10 – Provide increased support for faculty development that enhances the quality of teaching, research and creative activity.

Amount: Individual grants of up to \$3,500 will be awarded. Proposals for larger funding requests from small teams of faculty will be considered.

Eligibility: All current Martin V. Smith School faculty who have been assigned a minimum of 12 WTUs during the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year.

Proposal Requirements:

- Summary: Description of the nature of the research project/professional development opportunity and how the funds will be used to support this activity. The proposal should also include the following:
 - Research plan/methodology or a description of how the professional development opportunity helps you maintain currency as a Martin V. Smith School faculty member.
 - o Timeline for the research activity/professional development opportunity.
 - Expected deliverable, outcomes and/or contributions.

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Optional:

- For long-term projects, please specify the research/professional development activities the mini grant will directly support.
- The benefit to your teaching, if applicable.
- If applicable, how your research project/professional development opportunity explores issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and/or is interdisciplinary.
- Budget: Provide an itemized budget, including all budget items, cost, and justification.
- Current Curriculum Vitae

Final Report: Awardees agree to complete a brief final report stating the completion of the activities and the benefits associated with being awarded the *Scholarship and Professional Development Mini-Grant* by June 1, 2023. Failure to submit the report will result in not being considered for future Martin V. Smith School grants/travel funding.

Selection: Grant recipients will be selected by a Martin V. Smith School committee, comprised of the Dean and two Faculty members. Special consideration will be given to proposals that:

- Can be used to leverage additional, external funding.
- Support the Martin V. Smith School's commitment to the teacher-scholar model.

Deadline: Apply via Qualtrics link by Monday, December 12, 2022. Notification of awards are expected to go out by December 16, 2022.

Note: The Martin V. Smith School anticipates that this program will be continued each year, contingent on funding availability.

¹ The CSU has only approved "essential" travel through the end of the fiscal year.