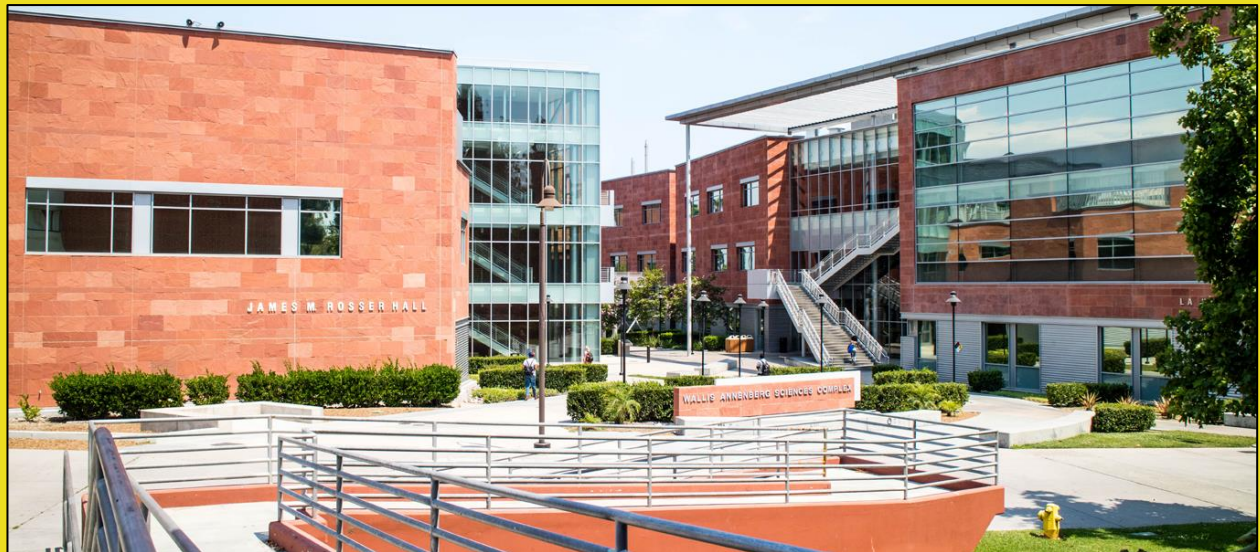




COLLEGE OF  
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NSS Research & Scholarship  
Committee



**2019-2020 Call for Proposal**

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The NSS Research Committee invites all eligible NSS faculty members to apply for the following research funding opportunities. The funds are designed for faculty and students who currently do not have other funding resources (category one is exempt from this rule). Those who received any grant support during academic year 2018-19 are not qualified for this year's award. The funds must be spent within the following three periods

- 1. Summer (2019): June 1 to August 15 – final report due December 1**
- 2. Fall Semester (2019): August 1 to Dec. 15 – Final report due May 1**
- 3. Spring Semester (2020): January 1 to May 30 – final report due September 1**

**Deadlines:**

- Applications for Summer and Fall 2019 proposals are due at 5 pm, April 9, 2019.
- Applications for Spring 2020 are due by 5 pm, August 23, 2019.

Send applications to [nss@calstatela.edu](mailto:nss@calstatela.edu), with the title *NSS Research Grant Application*. Proposal should be in a single PDF file with file name in the format of "*last name-first name initial-department-category-number-due date*", for example "Smith-J-GEOS-Category-1-08202018". The application package is attached which includes I. Cover Page, II. Proposal, III Vita

- 1. Interdisciplinary Research Exploratory/Development Fund (IRF).** This fund is designed to support a principal investigator (PI) who is seeking external funding together with a team of 3 or more faculty colleagues from other disciplines. The aim is to create a novel interdisciplinary research/education/training idea for proposal development. The PI must submit the solicitation (or an example of targeted solicitation) with the IRF application. The IRF fund outcomes could be a draft of plan for the proposal development and/or submission by a target date or submission of an external proposal. The budget limit is \$1,000 per each period and can be used for food, transportation, and other related expenses. Available to all faculty ranks, including lecturers.
- 2. Research/Scholarship Completion Fund for Assistant and Associate Professors (RSCF).** The goal of this fund is to support faculty who need to finish writing a book, a research paper or who need to obtain preliminary data for an external grant application, all of which would be regarded as critical for promotion. The budget limit is either one course or lab release time (a max of 2 or 3 units), or up to a max of \$5,000 for research related expenses such as student stipend, equipment, lab supplies, field data collection, etc. The combination with other sources, such as department matching and S-factor is strongly encouraged, but not required. Preference will be given to unfunded pre-tenured faculty who have completed at least three years of service at CSULA, and to unfunded associate professors who have been tenured for at least three years and intend to apply for full professorship.

3. **Research & Scholarship Development Fund for Full Professors (RSDF).** This fund is designed to support faculty who need resources to fill gaps in funding or who wish to explore or pilot a new research direction. The covered expenses include, but are not limited to, learning new technologies in a specific research field, such as participation in a workshop/training, working/training at an off campus lab, peer-reviewed journal publication costs, in-depth-information gathering (such as field trips to collect data or information), intensive research exploration/development, collaborative proposal development as a PI with external collaborator(s) etc. The budget limit is one course (or lab) release time (a max of 2 or 3 units), or up \$5,000 for research, student stipend, or other related expenses. The combination with other sources including department matching, s-factors, etc. is strongly encouraged, but not required.
  
4. **Supervised Undergraduate Student Research Fund (SURF).** This fund is directed at undergraduate students who have strong research interests and potential. The faculty must submit the proposal, on behalf of the student; student should sign that he/she agrees to complete the project as described. The faculty supervisor will assist the student(s) with the writing and submission of the proposal. Funds can be used for equipment, fieldwork expenses, and stipends. The budget limit is \$1,000.

#### **Evaluation Procedure and Rubric:**

The committee will rank the proposals and make recommendations to the Dean based on the following four aspects. The Dean will make final selection of grant recipients.

#### Scoring Guidelines

- Project Description & Significance (20 points)
- Expected outcomes & impact (20 points)
- Feasibility (10 points; Can the proposal outcomes be achieved as described?)
- Budget (5 points)

**I. Cover Page (Must be attached to each proposal)**

**Title of the Project** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Supervisor (for SURF) \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Year and semester/quarter of tenure track position started in NSS \_\_\_\_\_

Year received tenure (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Year for upcoming tenure/promotion (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Category:** (1) IRF \_\_\_\_ (2) RSCF \_\_\_\_ (3) RSDF \_\_\_\_ (4) URSD \_\_\_\_

Received any release time or grant support during the academic year 2018-2019 \_\_\_\_ (Yes or No)

**Project Period:** Summer 2018 \_\_\_\_ Fall 2018 \_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_

**Requested budget:** \_\_\_\_\_ (release time unit(s) or \$ amount)

**Matching** \_\_\_\_ unit(s), and/or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, source(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Course number and title if release time is requested** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair or supervisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Proposal Narrative (up to 3 pages double space)**

- A. Projection Description and Significance should provide a clear statement of the work to undertake, and must include objectives for the period of the proposed work and expected significance.
- B. Expected Outcomes (with timeline) are the changes or results that the applicant expects to achieve after the successful completion of the project. The outcomes could be quantitative or qualitative or both.
- C. Feasibility: Can the proposal outcomes be achieved as described?
- D. Impact in area(s) of Research, Teaching, and/or Student Success
- E. Budget with justification. Each proposal must contain a budget of support requested which should be documented and justified. Proposals with equipment requests of more than \$250 requires quote from vendors.

**III. Two-page vita, with current and pending support**