March 14, 2014

To: Tenured (effective July 2014) Members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Michael Allen, Chair
       Committee on Research

RE: CALL FOR 2014-2015 COR (Committee on Research) FELLOWSHIPS

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

The application form must be filled out and submitted electronically to the Academic Senate. The application web address is:

http://senate.ucr.edu/research_grants/cor_application.html

If you have problems logging in to the application call the Academic Senate Office at x-25538 or email senate@ucr.edu. Please follow the instructions. Error messages will be provided if you do not follow the instructions.

PURPOSE:
COR Fellowships are intended to provide seed funding to tenured faculty members to develop major new research projects that are designed to receive extramural funding. Fellowship funds may be used for research-related travel, the purchase of research-related equipment and supplies, research assistance, support for attendance and participation at professional meetings, and a maximum of one course buy-out. Funds may not be used for summer salary or during periods of unpaid leave. The use of funds for memberships or professional society fees is prohibited.

ELIGIBILITY:
The COR Fellowship program is administered by the Academic Senate Committee on Research. All tenured members of the Academic Senate are eligible to apply. Some preference will be given to Associate Professors. This year there will be two funding levels, determined by the quality of the application. The levels are tentatively $5,000 and $10,000, but may be reduced depending on the availability of funds. You may submit an application for multiple awards (e.g. Omnibus & COR Fellowship or Omnibus & Regents Fellowship), but they must be filled out in its entirety. A faculty member who receives a COR fellowship above $5,000 will not receive Omnibus funding. COR Fellowship funds
awarded do not have to be spent within one year, and may be carried forward into the 2015-16 fiscal year. Unused funds after June 30, 2016 will be reclaimed by the Academic Senate. Faculty members who received this award the previous year (2013-14) are ineligible. Faculty who received the award in 2012-13 or earlier are eligible, provided they have submitted a satisfactory report.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION:
The application must consist of the following two parts, each of which is uploaded as a separate file (attachment).

1. The main body of the proposal, which should be a maximum of 4 single-spaced pages, in at least 11 point font, with 1 inch margins, and should be understandable by a general academic audience. The main body of the proposal should be divided into the following sections:
   a. Introduction - an introduction/statement of justification, including a synopsis of relevant background information, and if available, relevant preliminary data.
   b. Objectives - a statement of objectives.
   c. Approach - an outline of the approach(es) to be used in the research.
   d. Relevance to current or planned research - a concise statement indicating how the proposed activities relate to the applicant’s current and planned research program, as well as the anticipated contribution of the research program to the applicant’s field of research.
   e. Relevance to an extramural grant application - a statement regarding how data or other materials generated with COR funding will drive an extramural grant proposal.

2. Supporting documentation, which is NOT counted in the 4-page limit to the text of the main body of the proposal. This second attachment should include the following sections, combined into one file for uploading:
   a. As appropriate, a bibliography/list of references cited.
   b. An itemized budget and a succinct budget justification narrative.
   c. A concise (maximum 2 page) curriculum vitae.
   d. A table of the applicant’s current and pending extramural funding, including project title, granting agency, dates of award, amount of award, and the applicant’s share of each award. This page should also contain a concise explanation of how the proposed project differs from research currently supported by extramural funds.

PDF files are preferred; however, Microsoft Word is also acceptable (no WordPerfect, RTF, or plain text files will be accepted) and should be letter size, single-spaced, with at least 1” margins and at least 11 point font. All pieces of the proposal and supporting documentation must be submitted as two files as described above.

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE LENGTH AND FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Recipients must submit a brief (1-2 page) report describing the research accomplishments, publications, and/or other benefits obtained with the support of the fellowship to senate@ucr.edu by March 1, 2016. The report should include evidence of the submitted extramural grant application (including amounts requested and received), or an explanation as to why a grant proposal has not been submitted. Reports are necessary to justify future intramural funding. For this purpose the committee needs to document publications (published or in preparation) and grants/fellowships applied for and/or received as a result of the COR Fellowship. Recipients who do not fulfill these reporting requirements will be ineligible to apply for a COR Fellowship until the report has been accepted.

Checklist to be added to the application:

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOUR PROPOSAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS USING THE CHECKLIST BELOW. APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE APPLICATION GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.

_______The main narrative of the grant is a maximum of 4 single spaced pages, in at least 11 point font, with 1 inch margins.

_______All required sections of the narrative, including introduction, objectives, approach, relevance to current or planned research, and relevance to an extramural grant application, are included.

_______All required documentation, including bibliography, budget and budget justification, CV, and current and pending funding, are included.