January 8, 2021

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Due to COVID-19 Travel restrictions, the Committee on Research would like to announce Academic Senate Grant exceptions and extensions. The committee would like to be as flexible as possible due to the current pandemic and still support the research goals of our colleagues.

The following changes apply to the grants below:

1. **20-21 Travel Only (TO)**
2. **20-21 Research and Travel (RTA)**
3. **19-20 Committee on Research (CoR)**
4. **19-20 Regents Faculty Fellowship (RFF)**
5. **19-20 Regents Faculty Development (RFD).**

**Travel Only**  **Research and Travel:**
1. Per the normal guidelines:
   a. All travel funds DO NOT expire and can be carried over year to year for when travel restrictions are lifted.
   b. Funds can be used for conference related expenses including conference fees etc.
2. COVID-19 Exception:
   a. Funds may be used on Research related expenses for both TO and RTA grants.
      i. RTA budgets typically include a travel element and the PI has the freedom to adjust the budget to help their projects.

**Committee on Research**  **Regent Faculty Fellowship**  **Regent Faculty Development:**
1. COVID-19 Extension:
   1. **Reporting Deadline and Fund expiration** has been extended 6 months:
      1. Reports due February 2021 are extended to August 2021
      2. Funds typically expire 2 years after awarded (Refer to your award letter)
      3. The deadline may be extended further based on COVID-19 progression, but this will help us maintain our budgetary reporting going into the next Fiscal year
   2. You will still be able to apply for the current 21-22 CoR grant cycle
2. COVID-19 Budget Exceptions:
   1. Funds may be adjusted based on the proposed project. If the changes are for a new project due to COVID-19 restrictions, please email a short justification to travis.gutierrez@ucr.edu to update our records.

Approved Exceptions for Travel Funds:
- Online Conference Registration Fees
- Guest Speaker Honorarium
- Editing assistance
• Research Related equipment
• Survey Data for projects
• Graduate Student Research Stipends
• Archival Data
• Research Assistant
• Professional Membership fees
• Staff research support

While this is not comprehensive, for more specific exception questions please send a request to Senate Programmer Travis Gutierrez (travis.gutierrez@ucr.edu) for committee review.

Committee on Research