

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ROYALTY RESEARCH FUND (RRF)

The Royalty Research Fund (RRF) aims to advance new directions in research across all UW campuses, particularly:

- for **faculty who are junior in rank**,
- and/or in **disciplines for which external funding opportunities are minimal**,
- and/or in cases **where funding is likely to increase applicants' competitiveness for subsequent funding**.

The average success rate is approximately 25% across the three UW campuses and 34% among UW Tacoma faculty.

## PROPOSALS

The RRF welcomes proposals with budgets up to \$40,000. Proposal Descriptions are limited to (6) pages. Faculty may apply for either (1) the **standard RRF program**, which provides funding for 2 months of summer salary and other research expenses or (2) the **scholar RRF program**, which enables one-quarter of teaching release time.

## ELIGIBILITY

All UW Tacoma **full-time faculty and professional staff** with **regular or fixed-term appointments** are eligible to apply. RRF only supports research and creative activities and is not intended to support pedagogical innovations or assessments.

## REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals are reviewed **on three merit criteria**: **1) Research Performance Competence**: Capability of the investigator(s), technical soundness, adequacy of resources; **2) Intrinsic merit**: Likelihood of generating fundamental advances in the research field; Likelihood of generating benefits extrinsic to the field (e.g. to society, students, community); and **3) Potential for Broader Impacts**: Potential to support BIPOC students, post-docs, and/or early-career colleagues, as well as benefit underrepresented or underserved communities. **Rank** is also considered, with a preference for junior faculty.

## APPLICATIONS ALLOWED

A (co-)PI may submit only **(1) proposal per round**. A proposal may be resubmitted twice (**maximum of 3 submissions**).

## DEADLINES

RRF has two deadlines, the last Monday in September (**Monday, September 30, 2024**) and the first Monday in March (**Monday, March 3, 2025**) and. The proposal is submitted through UW's grant processing system, SAGE, and requires Dean/Director approval. PIs are strongly advised to submit 3-4 days in advance of the deadline; **PIs must submit final proposal elements to UWT Office of Research by Wednesday, September 18, 2024**.

## RECENT UW TACOMA AWARDEES

2024 **Alison Cardinal** (SIAS/CAC) | Language Justice in Communication Design  
2024 **Kelly Kim** (SIAS/SAM) | Copper-Catalyzed Intermolecular C2-H Amination of 4-Quinazolinones  
2024 **Pamela Krayenbuhl** (SIAS/CAC) | White Screens, Black Dance: Race and Masculinity in the US at Midcentury  
2023 **Ellen Bayer** (SIAS/CAC) | Life Near the Bone: A Journey of Discovery in the Wild  
2023 **Sarah Alaei** (SIAS/SAM) | Characterizing the Impacts of Arsenic Contamination on Freshwater Lake Microbiomes  
2022 **Lorne Arnold** (SET) | Investigating the use of sliding block methods as an index for seismically induced rock slope failure volume – a proof of concept study  
2022 **Anindita Bhattacharya** (SW/CJ) | Understanding Help-Seeking Pathways among Racially Minoritized Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Investigation  
2022 **Zhiquan Shu** (SET) | Long-term Cryopreservation of Organs by Vitrification and Electromagnetic Rewarming for Organ Banking and Transplantation  
2022 **Emily Thuma** (SIAS/PPPA) | Decriminalize Survival: An Archive of Activism  
2021 **Riki Thompson** (SIAS/CAC) | Discourse and design in the search for love and lust online  
2020 **Katie Haerling** (NHL) | Examining theory-based debriefing practices after virtual simulation  
2020 **Turan Kayaoglu** (SIAS/PPPA) | Rethinking Islam and human rights: Voices from the grassroots  
2020 **Randy Nichols** (SIAS/CAC) | Nintendo: Playing for power  
2019 **Danica Miller** (SIAS/SHS) | Puyallup Sovereignties

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The Office of Research is here to support faculty in preparing RRF and all other proposals. Please contact **Cheryl Greengrove, Associate Vice Provost for Research** ([cgreen@uw.edu](mailto:cgreen@uw.edu)) to discuss how we can help.

## MORE INFO:

For full details about submitting to the RRF visit: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/>.

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## Preparing a successful RRF proposal

The RRF requires a (6) page **Description of Proposed Research** with the following required headings:

### A. Introduction and Rationale

- Identify the fundamental “problem” or “gap”
- Theoretical background/justification; Significance and Potential Impact
- Critical literature review
- Preliminary work, including relevant publications
- Clear segue to research questions/objectives

### B. Broader Impacts

- How will the proposed work (a) **Increase diversity and inclusion in the field**, (b) **Support / mentor BIPOC UW community members**, and/or (c) **Benefit underrepresented or underserved communities**

### C. Objectives

- What **specific, measurable** objectives will the project achieve to address gaps in knowledge / practice?

### D. Procedure

- What is your **plan** for achieving the objectives? What methods/tools will be used?
- What **capacities** do you have to successfully execute the plan of action?
- If access to a particular location or institution is required, state whether permission has been obtained

### E. Time Schedule

- How will the proposed work be completed within 1-year? A table with key milestones helps here.

### F. Need for RRF

- How will the award advance your overall research agenda and career trajectory?
- How will the results lead to increased competitiveness for further external funding or commercial applications?
- If requesting release, document teaching load (quarter, course number, title & credits)
- **If senior faculty:** describe in detail how the project (a) supports genuinely new directions in your research/career; (b) constitutes a unique, time-sensitive opportunity, and/or (c) originates in a discipline for which external funding opportunities are minimal

In addition, the **following proposal components are also required:**

Cover Page, Response to Previous Reviews (for resubmissions), Budget & Budget Narrative, Curriculum Vitae for all (co-)PIs, Other Research Support, References, and Suggested Reviewer Memo

**Awarded proposals tend to share these common elements:**

- Broad elements are understandable to a wide audience (scientifically-literate, but not expert)
- Proposes a discrete, stand-alone project, but with a clearly-communicated connection to the PI’s long-term research agenda; Demonstrates how the award will contribute to your scholarly development
- Clearly articulates the significance of the project to your field, and more broadly;
- Provides a well-reasoned plan of action that is feasible within a 1-year scope;
- Includes preliminary results (as possible) and distinguishes between past and proposed work;
- Emphasizes how the award increases competitiveness for specific future funding opportunities;
- Emphasizes the value of the work beyond the particular site in terms of contributions to the field, your long-term research agenda, and Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity objectives;
- Describes the contextual factors at UW Tacoma that make the project compelling and impactful
- PI writes with the possible committee members who may review the proposal in mind. See list: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-committee-members/>
- PI has requested successful proposed from awarded PIs doing relevant work. See list: <https://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-awardees/list-of-past-awardees/>

See full **instructions for submitting a RRF** here:

[www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-applicants/instructions-for-preparing-an-rrf-proposal/](http://www.washington.edu/research/or/royalty-research-fund-rrf/rrf-for-applicants/instructions-for-preparing-an-rrf-proposal/)