Panelists

Office of the Provost:

Liesl Folks, Senior VP and Provost

Nina Bates, Director of Ops and Strategic Initiatives

PIF Reviewers:

Jane Zavisca, Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies, SBS, (PIF Spring & Fall 2021)

Lori Schultz, Assistant Vice President, Research Intelligence, RII, (PIF Spring 2022)

PIF Awardee:

Mahmoud Azaz, Associate Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, (PIF Fall 2021)

UA Foundation Relations:

Chelsea Bruce, Proposal Development Strategist, Foundation Relations
We respect fully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally-recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O’odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.
Meeting Notes

• Please ask questions at the end of the presentation by raising your hand or submitting your questions in the Chat at the bottom of your screen.

• The webinar recording and any presentation materials will be available after the meeting at https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum
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Facts about the Provost’s Investment Fund

**NIMBLE & PROACTIVE**
Designed to ensure that we can be nimble and proactive in funding high-impact projects that align with the University’s strategic goals and support our ambitions for institutional excellence and distinctiveness.

**STRATEGIC FUNDS**
Funding comes from the annual allocation from the Activity Informed Budgeting (AIB) model.

**COMPETITIVE & PEER REVIEWED**
- Spring and Fall cycle for open competitive submissions.
- PIF Proposals are peer-reviewed by faculty, staff, and students.
• Competitive submission process started in Spring 2019.

• Pause on submissions in Fall 2021 caused lower $ in FY20/21.

• Other sources of funds are sometimes tapped (e.g., HSI, RII, etc.).

• Reports are available on the PIF website.
PIF Fall 2022 Cycle

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- Submit proposal via Arizona Cultivate [https://arizona.infoready4.com/#provost](https://arizona.infoready4.com/#provost)
- $1 million is available to award for Fall 2022.
- Eligibility: Full-time Faculty and Staff; Department Heads / Chairs / Directors
- Templates are available in Arizona Cultivate
PIF Fall 2022 Cycle

Review Process

- Peer reviewed by faculty, staff, and students.
- Reviewers will provide feedback to proposers on the strengths and weaknesses for each proposal.
- Contact Nina at ninaari@arizona.edu if you would like to serve as a reviewer.
Evaluation Criteria & Weightings

20% Evidence that the request directly supports the UA strategic plan and institutional priorities (20%).

20% Evidence that the request promotes institutional excellence, distinctiveness, and inclusivity (20%).

10% Evidence that the request promotes excellence in the host department and / or college / division / support unit (10%).

20% Likelihood of high impact or return on investment, relative to other submissions (20%).

30% Feasibility of the business plan (timeline and budget) and funding sustainability plan (30%).
Funding and Reporting

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- Awarded funds are “State Funds” unless otherwise requested.
- Annual report is required.
- The annual report will be posted on the Office of the Provost's website.
Research, Innovation & Impact Funding Opportunities

• FY23 Research Development Grants
• TRIF Funding Grant
• FY23 Core Facilities Pilot Program Grant
• https://arizona.infoready4.com/#research
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Jane Zavisca

Lori Schultz

Mahmoud Azaz
Best Practices from Reviewers’ Perspective

• Follow the submission guidelines exactly.
• Respond clearly to all evaluation criteria.
• Make a strong, specific case for alignment with strategic plan and institutional priorities.
• Define success: What is the intended impact, and how will you measure it?
• Tell the same story in the proposal narrative and budget.
Best Practices from Reviewers’ Perspective (cont.)

• Make the case for sustainability: clarify whether one-time investment or seeding an ongoing initiative. If the latter, describe the long-term funding plan.

• Submit effective letters: give letter writers adequate notice and context. Check with your Dean’s/VP office on timeline and requirements for letter requests.

• Consider your audience: do not assume reviewer knowledge of your unit, program, or discipline.
Best Practices from Awardee’s Perspective

- Potential for impact: clear, realistic, measurable goals and outcomes.
- Clear plan for how goals and outcomes will be achieved.
- Excellence and distinctiveness.
- Assessment plans.
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Proposal Development Strategists (PDS)

Unfunded PIF proposal

Procost office forwards proposal to PDS Team (if approved by PI)

PI receives email from PDS assigned to proposal

PDS actively searches for foundation funding

PI informed of foundation funding opportunity or lack of opportunity

PDS team communicates back to PIF Team
Thank you!
Questions?