



Provost's Investment Fund

September 16, 2021



We respectfully 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, the Chat feed, and any presentation materials will be available after the meeting at <https://provost.arizona.edu/content/provost-forum>

Panelists

PIF Reviewers:

- Kim Patten, MS
 - Assistant Vice President, Research Development (PIF Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- Jamie Boehmer, MS, PhD
 - Executive Director, Biomedical, Clinical & Health Sciences Research Development (PIF Spring 2021)

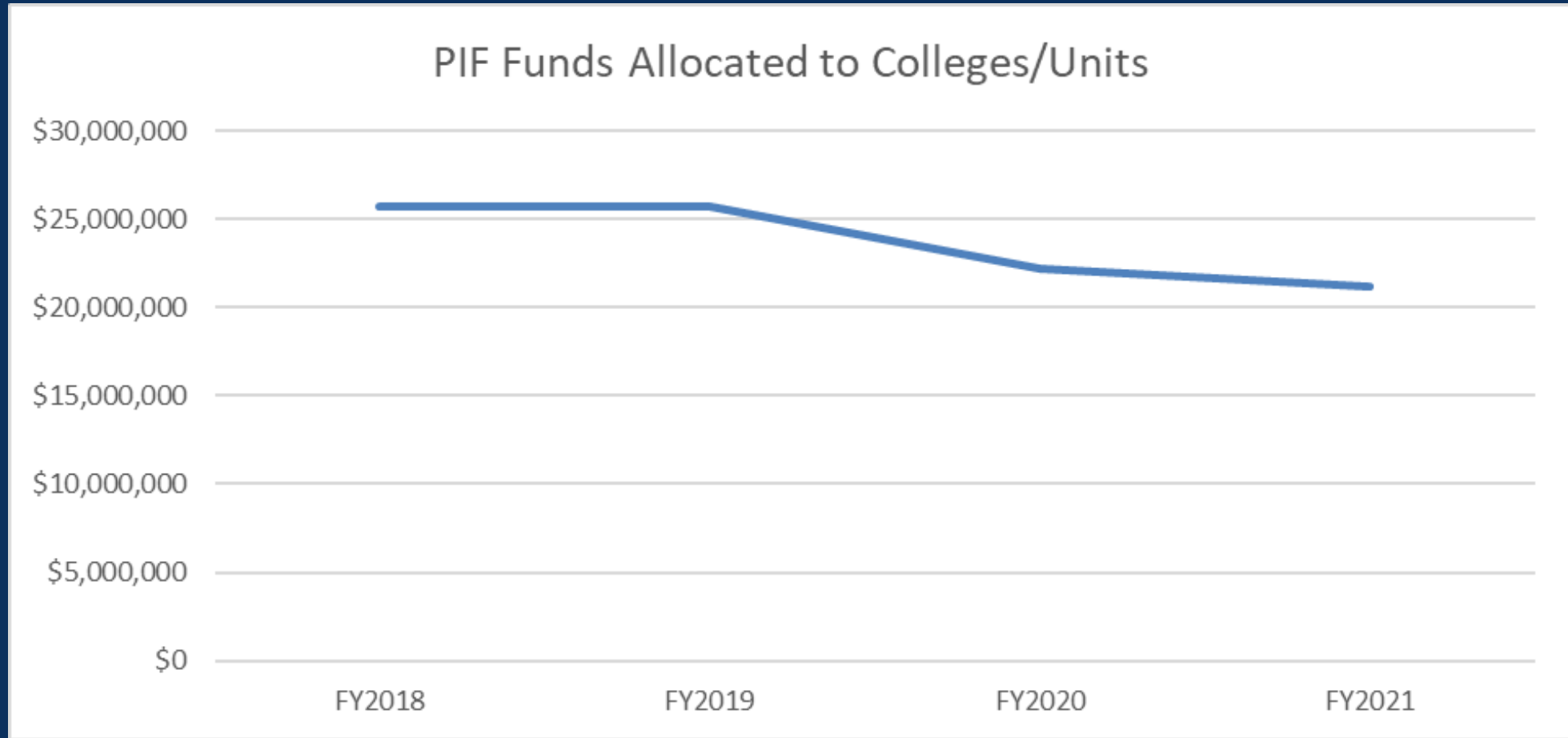
PIF Award Recipients:

- Etta Kralovec, PhD
 - Professor, Teaching, Learning & Sociocultural Studies
 - **Borderlands Education Center Development Project (PIF Spring 2021)**
- John Pollard, PhD
 - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Curricular Innovation, Honors College, & Professor of Practice in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - **Honors College Environmental Grand Challenge Project at Biosphere2: Preparing Tomorrow's Disruptive Problem Solvers (PIF Fall 2019)**

Facts about the Provost's Investment Fund

- Designed to ensure that the Provost can respond to requests that align with UArizona's strategic goals and support our ambitions for institutional excellence and distinctiveness while maintaining the ability to proactively invest in other priorities not previously identified.
- Funding comes from the annual allocation from the Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget model.
- Open, competitive submission process was launched in Spring 2019.

Facts about the Provost's Investment Fund



Provost's Investment Fund Fall 2021 Cycle

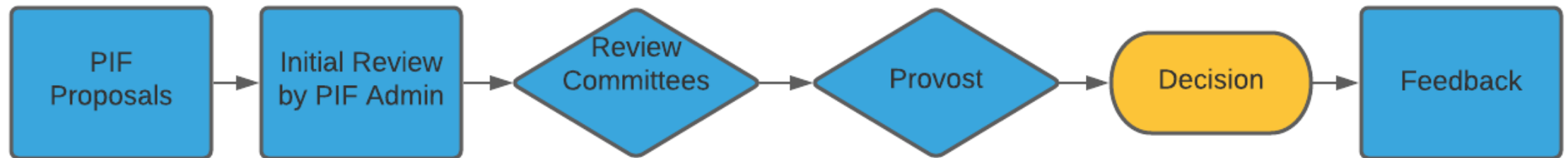
Submission Deadline	Official Response By
5 pm, October 29, 2021	November 30, 2021

- Submit proposal via UA Competition Space <https://arizona.infoready4.com/#provost>
- \$1 million is available to award for Fall 2021
- Funding range from \$15,000 to \$100,000 per year for a maximum of two years.
- Eligibility: Full-time Faculty and Staff; Department Heads / Chairs / Directors
- Templates are available on <https://provost.arizona.edu/provost-investment-fund> and UA Competition Space



Provost's Investment Fund Fall 2021 Cycle

Review Process



Evaluation

Weighted Evaluation Criteria

1. Evidence that the request addresses the goals of the Fund and directly supports UArizona's **strategic plan, institutional goals** and **priorities** (20%)
 2. Evidence that the request promotes UArizona's aspirations for institutional **excellence, distinctiveness,** and **inclusivity** (20%)
 3. Evidence that the request promotes **excellence** in the host department and/or college / division and / or support unit (10%)
 4. Likelihood of **high impact** or **return on investment** to UArizona, relative to other submissions (20%)
 5. **Feasibility** of the business plan (practical timeline and budget) and **funding sustainability** plan (30%)
- Each criterion is scored on a scale of 1-5 (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest).
 - Reviewers will provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses for each proposal, to be shared with proposers.

Research, Innovation & Impact Funding Opportunities

Kim Patten

- 2021 Research Advancement Grants: Challenge Grant, Faculty Seed, Equipment Enhancement Fund, International Research, etc.
- TRIF Funding Grant
- Core Facilities Pilot Program
- <https://arizona.infoready4.com/#research>

Best Practices – Applicant & Reviewer

Etta Kralovec, John Pollard, Kim Patten, and Jamie Boehmer

- Follow the submission guidelines.
- Strongly address / respond to the evaluation criteria.
- Strong business / funding sustainability plan.
- Tell the same story in the budget and proposal narrative.
- Define success: determine the end goals of the proposal and how success is measured.
- Explain the impacts that will flow from the project.

Competition Space Demo

Nina Bates

The screenshot shows the 'UA Competition Space' web application. At the top left is the University of Arizona logo and name. At the top right are 'Log In' and 'Help' links. Below the header is a red navigation bar with 'PROVOST' and 'CALENDAR' options. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column features a title 'Fall 2021 Provost's Investment Fund' followed by a 'Dates' section with an 'Internal Submission Deadline' of Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm, and an 'ADD TO CALENDAR' link. Below that is a 'Details' section with 'Administrator(s): Office of the Provost (Owner)', 'Category: Provost Investment Fund', and 'Award Cycle: FY2022'. The bottom of the left column has a 'Description' section with a paragraph of text. The right column has an 'Application Tools' section with an 'Apply' button, and a 'Competition Files' section with links for 'PIF Guidelines', 'PIF Proposal Template', 'Budget Template', and 'Letter of Support Template'.

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UA Competition Space

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Fall 2021 Provost's Investment Fund

Dates

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[ADD TO CALENDAR](#) PDF

Details

Administrator(s): Office of the Provost (Owner)
Category: Provost Investment Fund
Award Cycle: FY2022

Description

We are pleased to announce that \$1 million is available to award from the Provost's Investment Fund (PIF) for the fall 2021. We are seeking proposals that are innovative, aspirational, and explicitly aligned with the [University's strategic plan](#) and following institutional priorities areas for funding:

Application Tools

[Apply](#)

Competition Files

- [PIF Guidelines](#)
- [PIF Proposal Template](#)
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**THANK YOU
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QUESTIONS**



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