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

PIF Funds Allocated to Colleges/Units

FY2018  FY2019  FY2020  FY2021

$30,000,000  $25,000,000  $20,000,000  $15,000,000  $10,000,000  $5,000,000  $0
Provost’s Investment Fund Fall 2021 Cycle

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- Submit proposal via UA Competition Space [https://arizona.infoready4.com/#provost](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](https://provost.arizona.edu/provost-investment-fund) and UA Competition Space
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Review Process

1. PIF Proposals
2. Initial Review by PIF Admin
3. Review Committees
4. Provost
5. Decision
6. Feedback
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.
THANK YOU & QUESTIONS