Cal Poly Pomona



Supporting Faculty Excellence and Student Experiential Learning

$500,000 to provide funding for up to ten (10) faculty members during this grant cycle.

Who Can Apply: Deans will submit faculty for consideration. The Faculty Grant Fellow Program will be administered by the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Purpose: Establish a cohort-based grant development program that provides selected faculty with individualized grant-writing assistance, structured proposal development, and expert review to increase their competitiveness for external funding.

Priority consideration should be given to faculty who:

- Have promising research, scholarly or creative agenda with potential for external support.
- Have identified, or are positioned to identify, a significant external funding opportunity.
- Demonstrate readiness to develop and submit a competitive proposal within 12–24 months.
- Have preliminary research, data, partnerships or expertise upon which a proposal can be built.
- Present opportunities to engage students in research or other meaningful experiential learning.
- Are positioned to advance an emerging or established area of strength within the college or university.

Support Provided to Faculty Grant Fellows:
Each fellow would receive targeted support based on the maturity of their research and proposal, including:

- Funding Strategy: Identification of appropriate federal, state, foundation or other sponsored funding opportunities and development of an individualized funding strategy.
- Proposal Strategy: Analysis of the funding solicitation, reviewer criteria, project positioning, proposal structure, timeline and competitive strengths.

- Grant-Writing Assistance: One-on-one assistance developing and strengthening the proposal narrative, including aims, significance, methodology, outcomes, evaluation, broader impacts and student engagement.
- Developmental Editing: Iterative review of proposal drafts to improve clarity, persuasiveness, organization, consistency and responsiveness to sponsor requirements.
- Expert Review: External peer or subject-matter review for high-priority proposals, including mock review where appropriate.
- Resubmission Support: Analysis of reviewer feedback and targeted assistance strengthening proposals for resubmission.

Fellow Commitment

In return for this investment, Faculty Fellows would commit to:

- Participate actively throughout the grant-development process.
- Identify at least one priority external funding opportunity.
- Establish and meet proposal-development milestones.
- Participate in individualized grant-writing and review sessions.
- Develop a complete external proposal or defined pathway toward submission.
- Submit a competitive external proposal within the established program period, when an appropriate funding opportunity is available.
- Share lessons learned with faculty colleagues to help build broader grant-writing capacity within their college

Anticipated Impact: The Faculty Grant Fellows Program will build a stronger pipeline of faculty prepared to compete successfully for external funding by translating promising research and scholarly expertise into high-quality proposals. The program will increase grant-writing capacity and external investment while strengthening partnerships and expanding faculty-led research and experiential learning opportunities for students.