

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 about 25% across all campuses and, most recently, 38% 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 first Monday in March (**Monday, March 3, 2025**) and the last Monday in September (**Monday, September 29, 2025**). 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; If applying to the March 2025 deadline, applicants must **notify the UWT Office of Research (UWTOR) of their intent to apply [here](#) by Monday, February 3, 2025** and **submit final proposal elements to UWTOR by Wednesday, February 19, 2025**.

RECENT UW TACOMA AWARDEES

2025 **Hannah Baughman** (SIAS/SAM) | Comparative analysis of NF-kappaB transcription factors

2025 **Yixuan Pan** (SIAS/CAC) | From Scratch: Tasting the Tenderness in Food Production

2025 **Ila Ravichandran** (SIAS/PPPA) | The Post-Genomic Prison: DNA Bio/Surveillance and the Molecular Inscription of Carcerality onto Racialized Communities

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

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) 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/>.

Last updated Jan 2025

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/