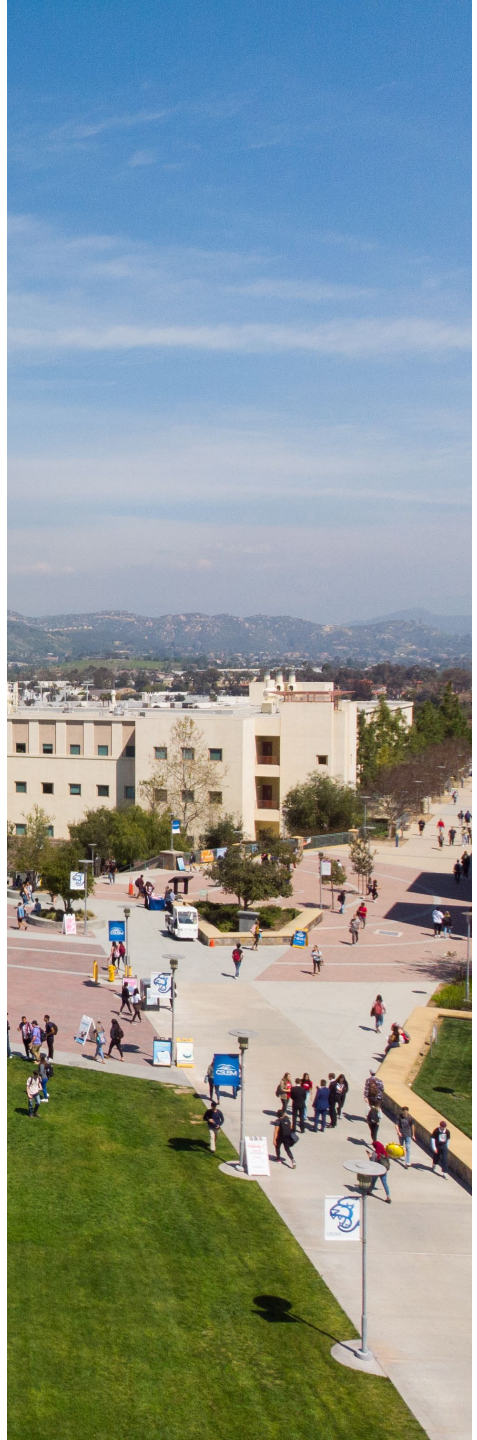
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Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activity (RSCA) Grant Workshop

January 26, 2026







About RSCA Grants

- Funding is provided by the Chancellor's Office annually
- **All Unit 3 faculty** are eligible Probationary & tenured professors, librarians, lecturers, and coaches at any rank.
- RSCA awards may be granted up to **$7,500** (**most** are funded in the **$2,000 - $5,000** range)
- All funded activities **must occur** between **July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027**.

  Activities outside of this range will not be funded.



RSCA Grant Funding Mechanisms

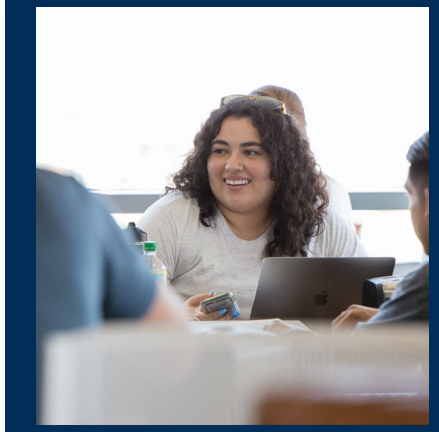
1. Mini-grants for research, scholarship, and creative activities, which include innovative pedagogy

- Test promising ideas
- Buy equipment and/or supplies
- Conduct research
- Travel to present papers at professional meetings or to publish the results of previous research.
- Pay student assistants for clerical support, etc.
- Pay for transcription/translation/analysis services.

RSCA Grant Funding Mechanisms

2. Funds for up to 3 units of assigned time for scholarly purposes.

- Funds may be used to undertake a **research project leading to publication**, or to **complete the publication of already completed research**.
- Funds for other **activities that lead to positive career advancements**, including preparing to teach a greater variety of courses.
- Course releases may be requested for Fall 2026 or Spring 2027. Current internal cost is **$2,500 per WTU.**



1 in 2

who requested WTUs last year, received funding



How to Apply



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Complete application

via [InfoReady]

Dean's signature not required. However, your college dean's office and department chair will be notified if your application is funded.



Notify your Department Chair and the college budget analyst about your proposal if requesting course release

(signature not required)



If you are conducting human subjects research, please make sure you have IRB approval before awards are distributed.

Incomplete or late applications are disqualified.

Applications must be submitted by no later than **11:59pm on Friday, February 13th, 2026**. After this deadline, the portal will close, and you will no longer be able to apply to this cycle.

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Tips for Writing a Good RSCA Proposal

Writing

- Write for a **general faculty audience not familiar with your field** and discuss the relevance to your field. Avoid jargon.

- The **scoring rubric** highlights the key elements of writing a compelling proposal. The proposal must clearly state the process you will follow to produce a finished product, or “deliverable”.

- Make sure to **follow the rubric** as you prepare your proposal, as the Faculty Grants Committee will use this rubric while reviewing each application.

Budgeting

- Budgets must be **itemized**, **detailed**, and **justified**. Include estimated research costs and sources to support these costs.

- Requests for **assigned time** are for the **Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 semester**. **Detailed justification is needed**. Be **very specific** as to how your proposed activities exceed the 3 WTU already allocated for scholarship.

Other Tips

- Be **detailed and specific** about the nature of **student involvement**
  - How did you calculate # of hours and pay scale?
  - How does their involvement promote your professional development? (**Funds are not intended to solely support student research**)

- Tie attending professional conferences to **tangible outcomes**. If you are not presenting, then list compelling tangible outcomes.

- If you are asking for funding to increase your knowledge base or need to pay to develop skills to support a project, explain **how the knowledge or skills gained will benefit the university and its mission**.

- Tell us if you have **applied for funding from other sources** — this **includes start-up funding**.

Questions?

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