

HIRI Nonprofit Research Fellowships

Call for Proposals – Spring 2022

The HIRI Nonprofit Research Fellowships provide support for faculty research studies on a wide range of topics about nonprofits and philanthropy. The goal is to promote a wider understanding of the nonprofit sector (including philanthropy) and its impact on the community. A total of 31 Fellowships have been awarded since the inception of this program in Fall 2014.

Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded by May 15, 2022. Grants can be used to cover research expenses (such as hiring student assistants, travel, materials and supplies, or other project expenses), or for extra pay (NOTE: due to changes in CSUN policy, grants may no longer be used to buy out 3 units of instructional time).

Applications for the next round of HIRI Fellowships may now be submitted. The deadline for this cycle is April 30, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be members of the regular faculty of CSUN's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Applicants may not apply if he/she currently holds a HIRI Fellowship that has not met all requirements below. Preference is given to applicants who have not previously received an award.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A brief proposal in PDF or Word format, not to exceed two pages, outlining:
 - The specific objectives of the research
 - Research methods to be used
 - Expected outcomes (including publication of the proposed study)
 - Budget (specifying *expenses* to be covered, and/or request for *additional pay*).
 - The applicant's professional background in the proposed area of research
 - A description of how the proposed study fits with the overall objective of the Fellowships—to promote a wider understanding of the nonprofit sector (including philanthropy) and its impact on the community.
- A short resume in PDF or Word (not to exceed two pages, in addition to the two-page proposal).
- Submit the PDF or Word files by email to Dr. Thomas Backer at thomas.e.backer@csun.edu by the deadline date.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

If awarded, the following are required:

- Contact Frances Solano, SBS Grants & Contracts Officer, to confirm budget and set up accounting for the project.
- The project must be completed by May 15, 2023.
- A public lecture must be given, either on campus or in a community setting to share findings from the research (this requirement may be waived if necessary due to the pandemic).
- A written report, in Microsoft Word format suitable for publishing, must be submitted within one year of the award date. Email to Dr. Thomas Backer at thomas.e.backer@csun.edu.
- Grant funds must be spent within one year of the award date, and a financial report submitted. Email to frances.guan@csun.edu.