

California State University Northridge
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

HIRI Nonprofit Research Fellowships
Call for Proposals – Spring 2023

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 38 Fellowships have been awarded since the inception of this program in Fall 2014.

In recognition of the 10th anniversary of these grants, this competition is making available a special \$10,000 grant (with the possibility of another grant at the typical \$5,000 amount). While all eligible topics will be considered (see below), preference will be given to proposals that address equity and justice challenges in the nonprofit sector.

Applications for the next round of HIRI Fellowships may now be submitted, with a deadline for applications of **April 30, 2023**. Grants are made either for research expenses (hiring student assistants, travel, materials and supplies, etc.) or for extra pay - due to changes in CSUN policy, release time can no longer be provided through the HIRI grants. New grants will be awarded by May 15, 2023.

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 within one year of the award date.
- 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.