

HIRI Nonprofit Research Fellowships

Call for Proposals – Spring 2024

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 43 Fellowships have been awarded since the inception of this program in Fall 2014. While all eligible topics will be considered, 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 15, 2024**. Grant funds can be used either for faculty extra pay or for hiring student research assistants. New grants will be awarded by April 30, 2024.

Eligibility

Applicants must be members of the regular faculty of CSUN's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Applicants may not apply if they currently hold 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)
 - Request for faculty extra pay, pay for student research assistant(s) or some combination of the two (grants may not be used for other research expenses or release time)
 - 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 proposal 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 Serinah Gabrelian, SBS Director of Finance and Operations, to confirm how funds will be used.
- The project must be completed within one year of the award date.

- 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 serinah.gabrelian@csun.edu.