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Committee on Research and Creative Works Awards
Evaluation Report
2015-2022 Awardees

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CRCW Impact Evaluation Report

2015-2022 awardees

2015 = 11 winners
2016 = 12 winners
2017 = 10 winners
2018 = 12 winners
2019 = 12 winners
2020 = 11 winners
2021 = 12 winners
2022 = 11 winners
Total = 91

About the CRCW

At UCCS, we use part of the money obtained each year from the collection of Facilities and Administrative costs (F&A) from externally funded grants and contracts as investments to encourage and promote further externally sponsored research and creative work on campus. In FY23, these funds were given as part of our “wedge” based on the previous budget model. These annual investments are made on a competitive basis, which is open to our tenured and tenure-track faculty in every program area. The objectives of this investment program are to promote research excellence, to help early-career tenure-track faculty members establish research programs, senior faculty establish new lines of inquiry, and to assist faculty members in becoming nationally competitive when seeking funding from sources external to UCCS.

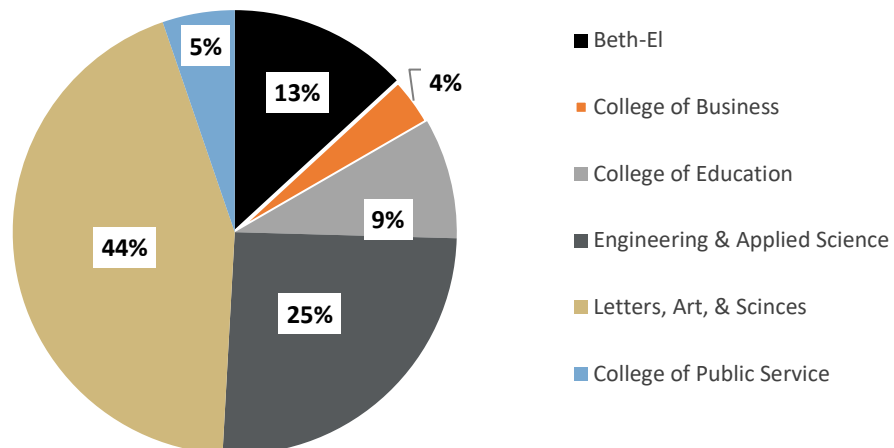
The proposals submitted under this funding program are evaluated by our Committee on Research and Creative Works (CRCW) which is composed of previous award winners. This seed grant program funds up to \$7500 per award and one \$15,000 (starting FY22). The CRCW is just one way we foster scholarship and creativity on our campus.

[Starting in 2022, we began requiring a campus presentation of CRCW results and impacts. You can watch past recipient talks here.](#)

About the winners:

Percentage in each college/school over time:

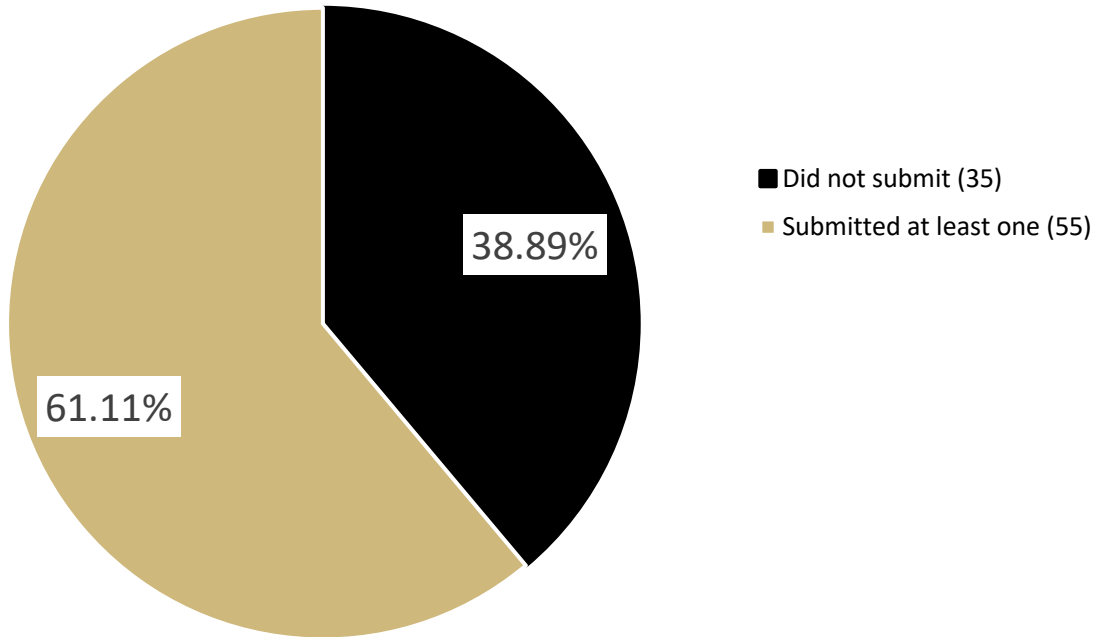
CRCW Awardees by College





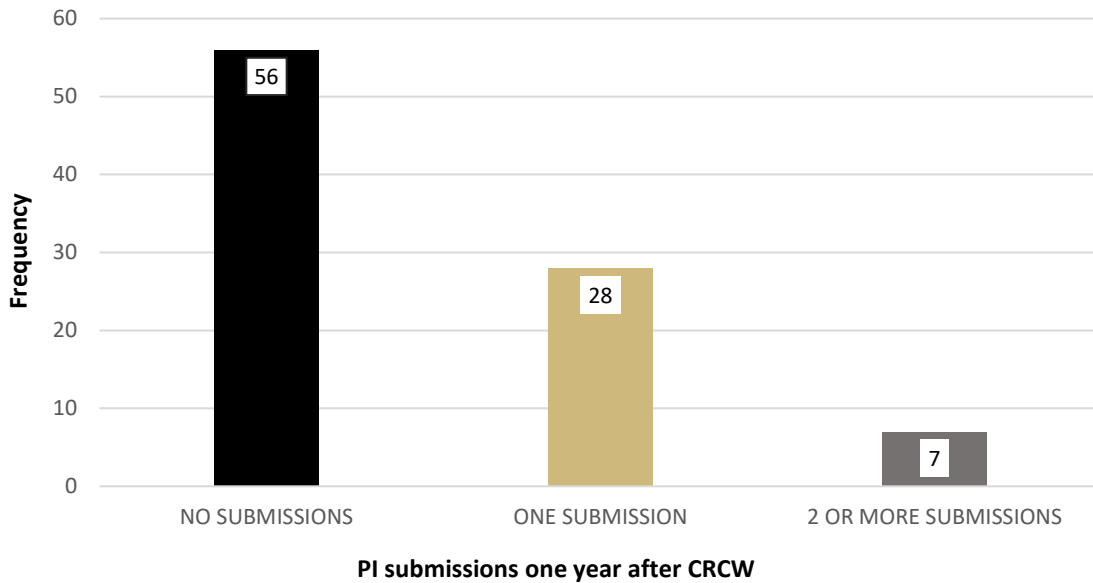
Proposal submission activity from OSP records

Did they ever submit as a PI

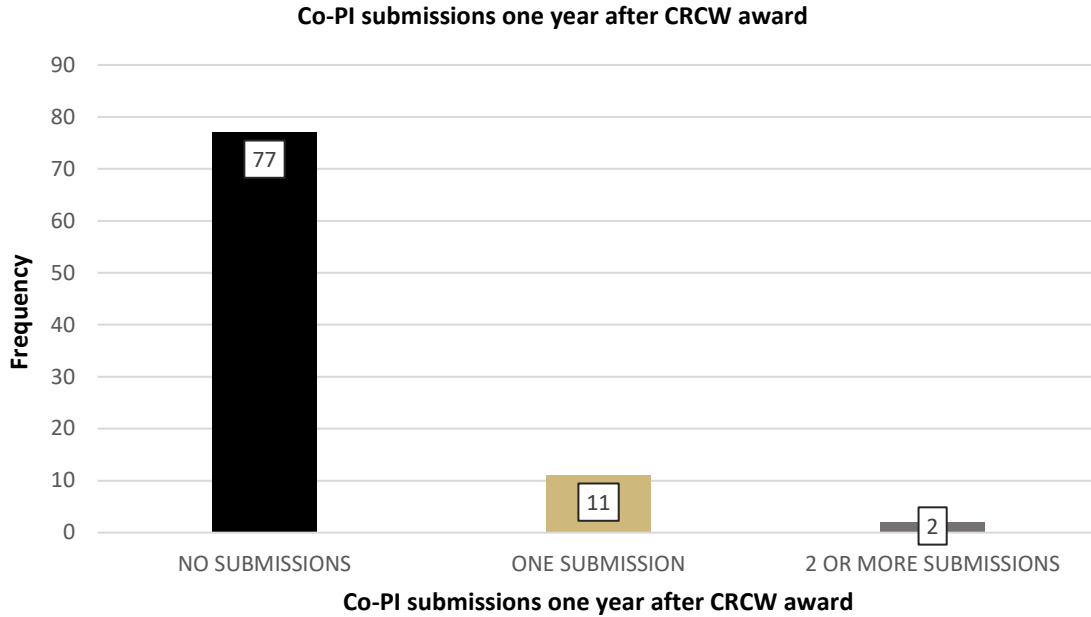


Proposal submission activity from OSP records ONE YEAR POST CRCW AWARD – all years

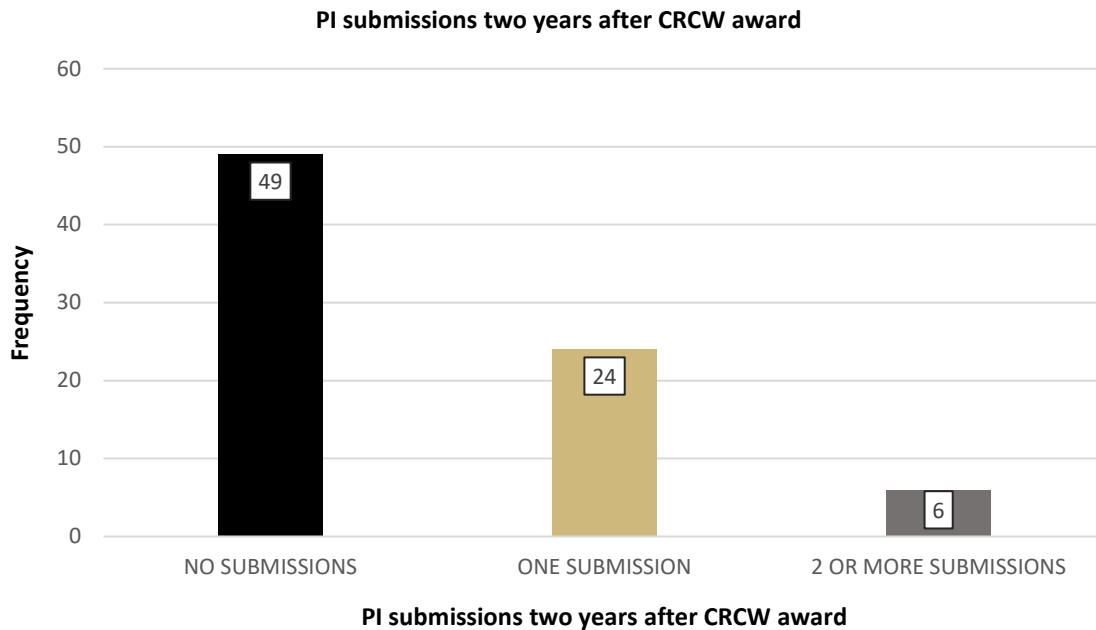
PI submissions one year after CRCW award

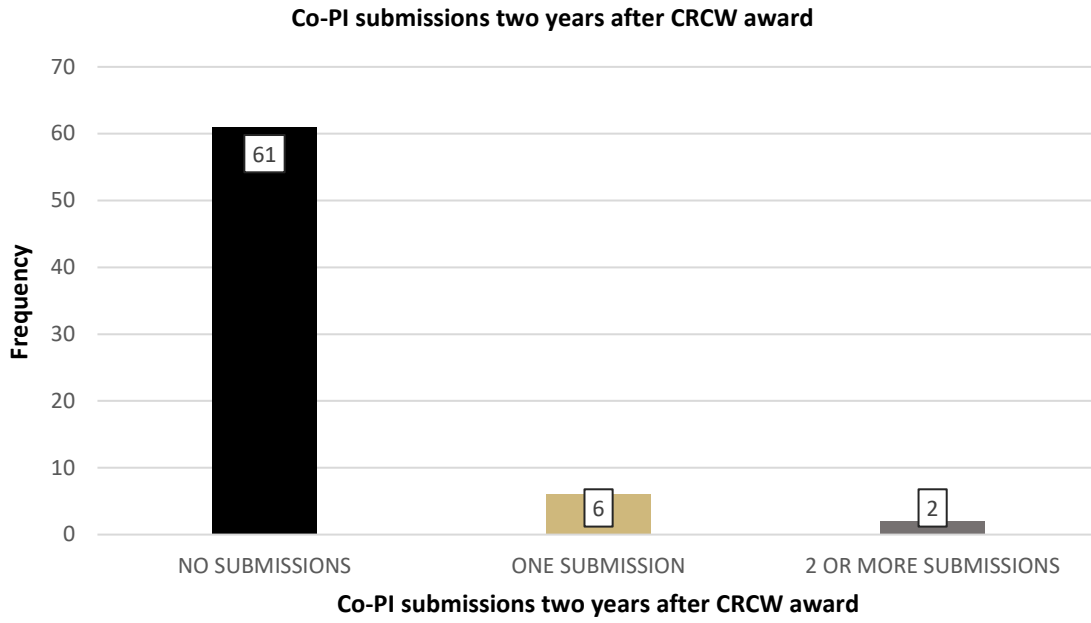


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**Proposal submission activity from OSP records
TWO YEARS POST CRCW AWARD (2015-2021 awardees)**





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Impact other than proposal submissions

From 2016 – 2022 CRCW recipients who turned in a progress report and/or a final outcomes report

2016 = 8/12 (66%)

2017 = 10/10 (100%)

2018 = 12/12 (100%)

2019 = 12/12 (100%)

2020 = 11/11 (100%)

2021 = 12/12 (100%)

2022 = 11/11 (100%)

Report Insights

To monitor the effectiveness and impact of the CRCW awards, we require awardees to complete an annual report for two years after receiving funds. These reports help us gather how funds are being used and what impacts they have had on research efforts here at UCCS.

Based on these reports, we know that awardees have had very positive experiences with their CRCW Awards. These awards have given researchers the ability to expand their research and receive support that other areas on campus may not be able to provide. Awardees suggest that they would like more direct resources on managing their awards and how to get additional, external funding after their award. The Office of Research has increased the online resources and events related to pre and post award and starting a “grant writing bootcamp” in 2022. One option moving forward will be to directly reach out to CRCW awardees to offer them a bootcamp invitation. We have also learned that some areas would like a longer timeline to give outcomes from their research.

What our Awardees are Saying

“Thank you so much for these funds: This has been so helpful in re-starting a part of my research program that had languished since the pandemic.” – 2022 Awardee

“I think this support for our research is so wonderful and I am honored that I was chosen to receive a seed grant. I have no suggestions to improve this process and I encourage all my faculty to apply.” – 2021 Awardee

“Thank you for this opportunity. These funds were so important for me establishing my research agenda pre-tenure. I was especially glad I could create a positive relationship with a local district and support the graduate students I mentored throughout this project.” – 2022 Awardee

“I suppose proactively checking in with recipients at a couple of points during the grant period to explore options for future external grant submissions” – 2021 Awardee

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Number Reporting A High Impact Outcome

