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Faculty Research Travel Supplemental Support Program

Evaluation Report

2020-2022 Awardees

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About the Faculty Research Travel Supplemental Support Program

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 travel for all full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty. We recognize that many faculty members have an interest to travel to enhance their research and creative agenda, however the ability to fund such travel may be insufficient. This award was established to help lighten the expenses for travel.

Applications for funds are submitted approximately 8 weeks prior to travel. The supplemental travel support funds up to \$500 per award and go toward attending conferences, archives, and research sites that will enhance their contribution to the institution and their students. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic, many conferences and travel plans were cancelled. To accommodate, awards were also open for virtual conference registration fees. Approximately 5 awards are made for each travel period and subgroup of members from the Research Faculty Advisory Board (R-FAB) and final decision is made by the AVC-R.

COVID-19 Impacts

The Faculty Research Travel Supplemental Support Program was established in Fall 2019 and its first round of awardees in Spring of 2020. The inaugural cohort of winners consisted of two tenure-track professor and one tenured professor. Unfortunately, this was all the semester that COVID-19 began in full force and only one of our awardees was able to use their travel award before travel was canceled across campus.

Who are the awardees?

To date there have been a total of 18 awardees. During FY21 & FY22, we have had 10 awardees use their travel funds. 5 awardees where not able to use their funds due to COVID-19 cancelations. Our summer 2022 cohort has until September 30th to complete their travel. Of our 10 awardees who have spent funds, two were for virtual events and 8 where for in-person travel.

As seen in Figure 1, awardees come from units all across campus, with the majority coming from LAS units. Figure 2 shows that the majority of awardees reported as identifying as Assistant Professors.

Figure 1 - Departments of Awardees

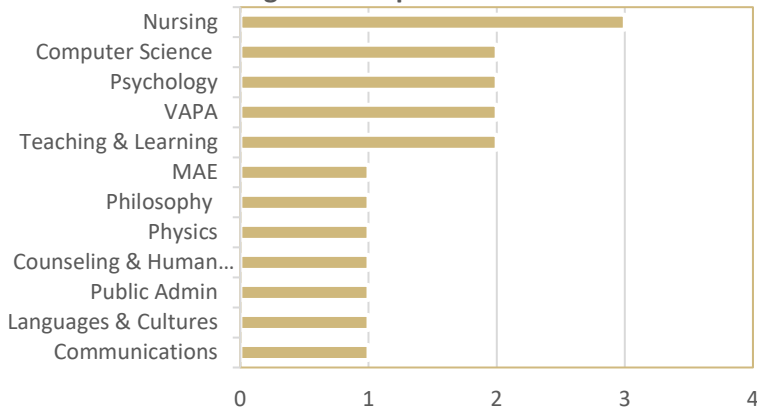
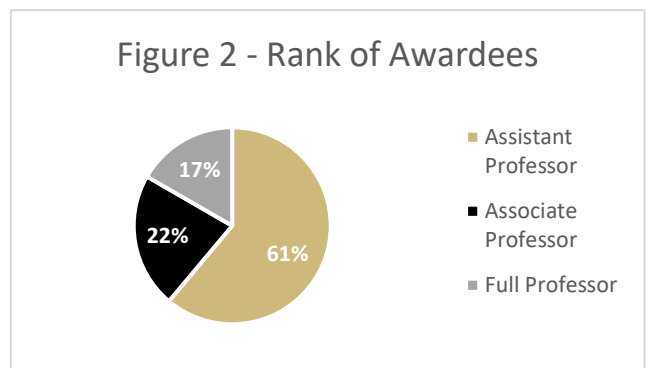


Figure 2 - Rank of Awardees



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Impact of the Awards

To monitor the impact of the award, recipients are required to fill out an impact survey within a month of returning from their travel. Overall feedback from awardees is positive. Multiple recipients expressed appreciation for the added support available for their travel.

The most common suggestion received was to increase the amount of awards available. Most awardees were able to show impact after their travel through various methods. Figure 3 shows the impact reported by recipients from their post-travel reports. Most travelers were able to show impact with the most common impact being a request to present their research at other conferences. Many were also excited at the opportunity to network and gain feedback on their research as well as establish new collaborations to further their research.

Figure 3

Total Amount Awarded: \$7,500

Total Amount Spent: \$6.330

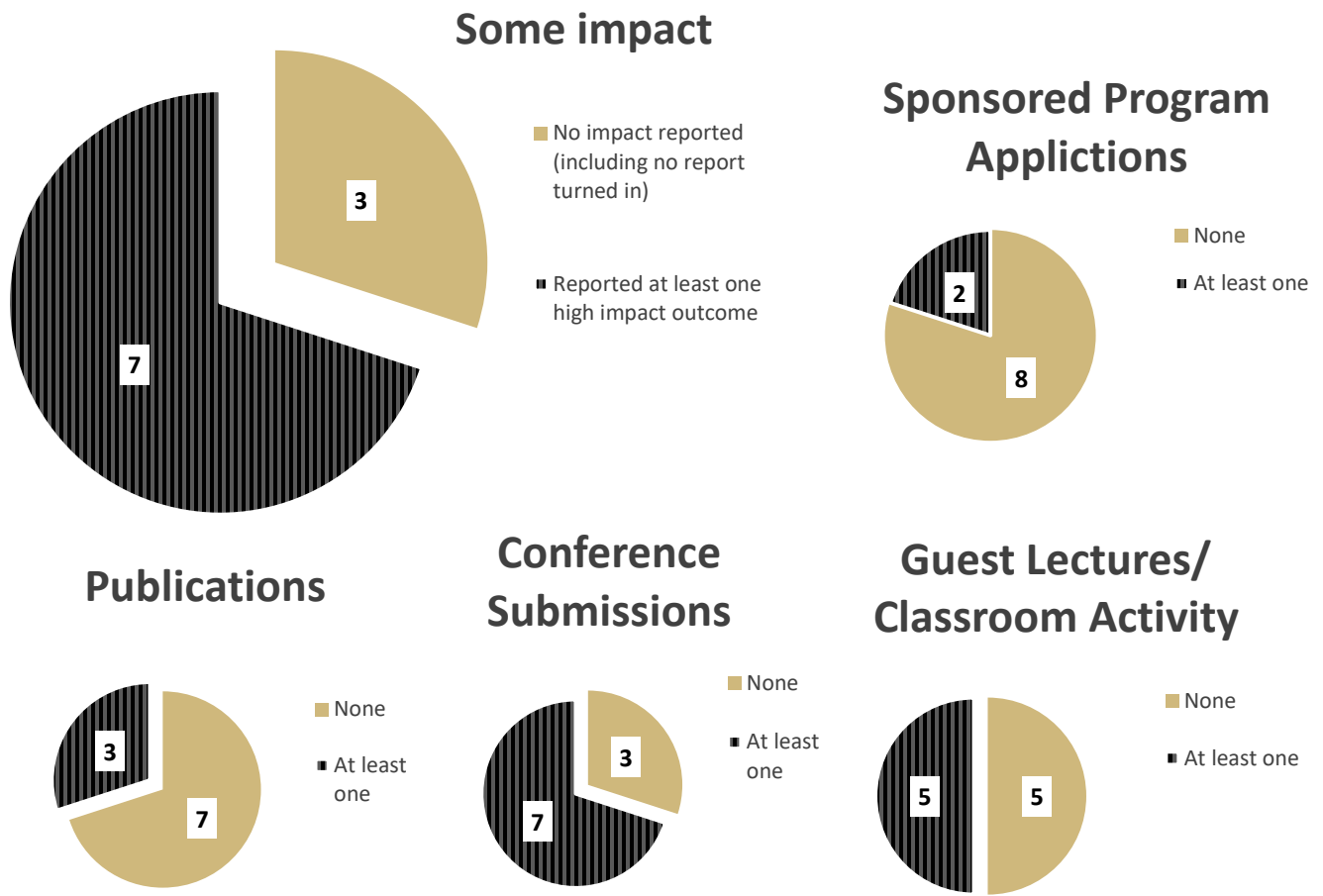


Figure 4 & 5

