**Committee on Research and Creative Works Awards**

Evaluation Report

2015-2021 Awardees

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CRCW Impact Evaluation Report

2015-2021 awardees

**2015 = 11 winners**

**2016 = 12 winners**

**2017 = 10 winners**

**2018 = 12 winners**

**2019 = 12 winners**

**2020 = 11 winners**

**2021 = 12 winners**

**Total = 80**

**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. (These funds will be coming from our wedge of the budget in the new 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. The CRCW is just one way we foster scholarship and creativity on our campus.

**About the winners:**

Percentage in each college/school over time:

**Proposal submission activity from OSPRI records**

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**ONE YEAR POST CRCW AWARD – all years**

**Proposal submission activity from OSPRI records**

**TWO YEARS POST CRCW AWARD (2015-2020 awardees)**

**Proposal submission activity from OSPRI records**

**THREE YEARS POST CRCW AWARD (2015-2019 awardees)**

Impact other than proposal submissions

**From 2016 – 2021 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%)**

**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 one campus may not be able to provide. The most common suggestion to improve the award is to bring previous and current CRCW cohorts together. The goal of these events would be to provide a community for awardees to ask questions or get advice on the best way to utilize funds. We currently do not have anything like this established but is something that we will consider for the future.

**What our Awardees are Saying**

“I am deeply appreciative of the work you all are doing. This grant has enabled me to do research I have wanted to do for years, and I am excited to see where it goes.” – 2021 Awardee

“I felt very supported throughout the duration of the grant. Despite delays, I was able to conduct the intervention and complete all data collection by the end of the grant period.” – 2019 Awardee

“This project has already made a large difference in my ability to collect pilot data here at UCCS. I do feel like I might benefit from more connections to the research community on campus, so perhaps for future cohorts the OOR could support in-person meetings of each CRCW cohort, whether for communal working or casual events to get to know more researchers on campus.” – 2020 Awardee

“One suggestion is that the CRCW can organize a seminar where previous successful winners, with publications and or grant submissions, can mentor or give tips to recent winners.” – 2020 Awardee

COVID-19 Impacts on CRCW Research

All CRCW recipients during 2019 and 2020 were granted automatic one year extensions and most requested (and were approved) for a two year extension.