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Congratulations, well done and thank you to everyone below who will receive one of the Fall 2021 Provost's Investment Fund (PIF) grants. ALVSCE employees together with their colleagues across campus will receive 4/13 (31%) of the awards. This is exceptional.

Laura Meredith and Vanessa Buzzard; Karletta Chief and Kathy Jacobs; Ashlee Linares-Gaffer and Sabrina Benedict-Monteverde; Michele Walsh.

I also want to thank everyone who submitted a proposal, but who will not be funded. I appreciate all of your work very much.

Regards,

Shane

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Office of the Provost

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to share the outcomes for the Fall 2021 Provost's Investment Fund (PIF) competitive round.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, I solicited proposals that focus on increasing students' success, including graduation and retention rates, especially for groups underrepresented within the relevant disciplines, promoting growth and opportunities to generate new revenue for the institution, expanding student experiential learning, enhancing research capacity, or promoting diversity and inclusion.

We received 75 great proposals, for a total of approximately \$10.7M in funds. The proposals were evaluated by 5 peer review committees comprising diverse faculty and staff.

I am pleased to announce that the following 18 proposals are approved for funding, based on the recommendations of the committees and alignment with our institutional strategic and funding priorities.

Proposal Title	Unit Name	Applicant/Team Leader/PI	Team Members	Approved Amount
Integrative Hematology Oncology Training Program	Medicine, College of Medicine-Tucson	Krisstina Gowin		\$156,000
Campus Living Lab: Designing, Building, and Monitoring Green Stormwater Infrastructure to Create a more Sustainable Campus and Inspire the Next Generation of Leaders	School of Natural Resources & Environment, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences	Laura Meredith	Vanessa Buzzard, Bo Yang, Grant McCormick, Andrea Gerlak, Kirk Dimond & Thomas Meixner	\$191,000
Enriching Wildcat Second Language and Culture Experiential Learning	School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences	Mahmoud Azaz		\$70,000
Developing a Faculty Analytics Certificate for Course Equity and Student Success (Faculty ACCESS Fellows Program)	Student Success & Retention Innovation	Sarah Kyte	Lisa Elfring & Rebecca Perez	\$62,000
Indigenous Resilience	Environmental	Karletta Chief	Kathy Jacobs	\$200,000

Innovations Program: Addressing Pressing Environmental Challenges Facing Indigenous Communities	Science, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences			
Extended Reality and Game Development Lab	School of Information, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences	Catherine Brooks	Win Burleson, Ren Bozgeyikli, Lila Bozgeyikli & Zachariah Lischer-Katz	\$100,000
From Natural Language Contracts to Smart Contracts	Computer Science, College of Science	Saumya Debray	Derek Bambauer, Clayton Morrison & Mihai Surdeanu	\$55,000
Quality Matters in Teacher Training: Designing Online Courses for Student Success	Office of Digital Learning	Nicole Schmidt	Janet Smith & Libby Merchant	\$15,000
Community Research Laboratory in the Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum	Research, Innovation & Impact	Selena Valencia	Joaquin Ruiz, Eric Fritz & Susan Leib	\$93,000
Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP): A Scalable, Cost-Effective, Equitable Approach to Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry	Arizona Health Sciences	Kasi Kiehlbaugh	Win Burleson, Kevin Bonine & Matt Peters	\$138,000
Medical Device Training Program for Undergraduate and Graduate Education	Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering	Jeong-Yeol Yoon	Ali Bilgin, Nan-Kuei Chen, Jared Churko, Philipp Gutruf, Minkyu Kim, Kaveh Laksari, Janet Roveda, Marvin Slepian, Judith Su, Urs Utzinger & Frederic Zenhausern	\$176,000
Phoenix Biomedical Campus-Non-Sterile and Sterile Compounding Instruction	College of Pharmacy	Nancy Alvarez	Rick Schnellmann	\$200,000
FLOURISH: Fostering Leadership for Online Undergraduate Recruitment and retention, Inclusivity, and Student Enrichment	Nutritional Sciences & Wellness, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences	Ashlee Linares-Gaffer	Sabrina Benedict-Monteverde	\$56,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,512,000</b>

Additional funding was provided from the Federal CARES Act allocation set aside for [Hispanic Serving Institution](#) (HSI), for the proposals below:

Proposal Title	Unit Name	Applicant/Team Leader/PI	Team Members	Approved Amount
A Portal for Prospective Transfer Students	Academic Administration	Kian Alavy	Greg Heileman & Shelley McGrath	\$168,568

Family Medicine CARES (Community Access, Referral, Education and Services) for Health Project	Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine-Tucson	Ronald Sorensen	Alicia Dinsmore & Viridiana Johnson	\$181,749
The Research Impact Project: Enhancing UArizona's Capacity to Move Research into Action	Research, Innovation & Impact	Jennifer Fields	Alison M. Meadow, Janet Cooley, Emily Kotay & Michele Walsh	\$189,950
Streamlining Forms to Enhance Student Experience	Office of the Registrar	Alex Underwood	Cori Cashen, Kat Salthouse, Mark Felix & Chris Corral	\$200,000
Project Highly Qualified: Collaboration between Early Academic Outreach, Mathematics Teacher Preparation, and Local Tucson Area High Schools	Early Academic Outreach	Rudy McCormick	Cynthia Anhalt & Jennifer A. Wolfe	\$80,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$820,267</b>

My team is working on sending individual emails to all applicants that contain the committees' feedback. I ask for your patience while my team is working on this process. We aim to send the feedback before the holiday closure.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Marla Franco, Assistant Vice Provost, [Hispanic Serving Institution](#) (HSI) Initiatives, and to the committee members who reviewed the proposals, provided their expertise and insights into this important process and provided constructive feedback to the applicants.

Barbara Vandervelde, Manager, Faculty Support, College of Law  
 Borbala Gaspar, Lecturer, French and Italian, College of Humanities  
 Brian Erstad, Department Head, Pharmacy Practice-Science, College of Pharmacy  
 Christine Gronowski, Academic Advisor, College of Science  
 Christine Melton, Director, Human Services Privacy Program, RII  
 Courtney Olson, Manager, Process Improvement, Reliance, & Education, RII  
 Darcy Van Patten, Chief Technology Officer, UITS  
 Fiona Grugan, Advisor, International Students, Arizona Global  
 Gustavo De Oliveira Almeida, Laboratory Coordinator, UAHS Research  
 Hope Dang, Assistant Staff Scientist, Molecular and Cellular Biology  
 Jamie Boehmer, Executive Director, Biomedical Clinical Health Sciences Research & Business Development, RII  
 Jane Zavisca, Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences  
 Jill Hewins, Project Manager, Arizona Online  
 Joel McGuire, Communications Network Analyst, Principal, UITS  
 Manja Zec, Postdoctoral Research Associate, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
 Marla Franco, Assistant Vice Provost, Hispanic Serving Institution Initiatives, HSI  
 Michelle Moraila, Accountant, University Animal Care, RII  
 Molly Stothert-Maurer, Arizona State Museum, RII  
 Rachel Beth Abraham, Project Manager, Data and Policy Compliance, Arizona Online  
 Roberto Guzman, Professor, Chemical & Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering  
 Shujuan Li, Associate In Extension, Public Health Integrated Pest Management, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Please visit the [PIF website](#) for the full report on the Fall 2021 round. We will announce the Spring 2022 cycle in early January.

Many thanks,



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