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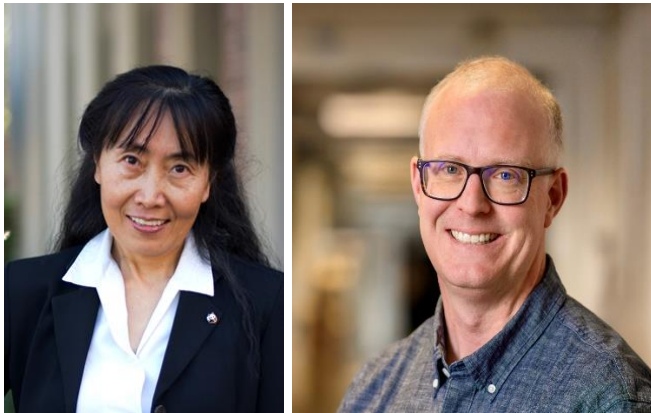
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Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Monthly Newsletter



What's My Research?

Please join us on Thursday, February 22, from noon to 1 pm in the Yosemite Classroom (1st floor of the Library) for “What’s My Research?” featuring Drs. Xiaojing Zhou (Department of English) and Todd Davenport (Department of Physical Therapy).

The rapid expansion of the world’s deserts is evidence of worsening environmental catastrophes of the Anthropocene. Dr. Zhou’s research investigates desertification control in China with a focus on the grassroots activism of people who had suffered from expanding deserts for generations but refused to be ecological migrants and transformed large areas of three deserts into oases.

Dr. Davenport will speak on post-exertional malaise (PEM), which is seen in patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis and Long Covid and is a constellation of symptoms involving multiple body systems. PEM is increasingly common and causes significant suffering and disablement, but there is no approved cure. Dr. Davenport studies the mechanisms whereby PEM disrupts our physiology, in order to create advancements in tests and treatments for people who live with PEM.

A light lunch will be served.

School Highlight



Congratulations to the School of Health Sciences' Occupational Therapy and Social Work programs for receiving a grant of \$1.7 million from California's Department of Health Care Access and Information. The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of behavioral health care workers in the state while supporting students who grew up in foster care, have experienced homelessness or were in the justice system as youth.

Faculty Highlight



Congratulations to Eric Dudley (Conservatory) for winning a second Grammy Award on Sunday evening. Dudley sang with the innovative group Roomful of Teeth, which won Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance for the album "Rough Magic."

Reminder: Scholarly and Artistic Activities Grants (SAAG)

The Scholarly/Artistic Activities Grants (SAAG) are intended to assist faculty members in their pursuit of professional goals related to scholarship and research. Support is provided for both ongoing projects and initiation of research in new areas.

The maximum amount of the SAAG awards has been increased from \$3200 to \$5000.

Note: We discourage applicants from requesting SAAG funds to pay faculty salary. After deducting taxes and benefits, very little would be left for scholarship.

For information on eligibility and to access the application [Read more](#) |

Reminder: Internal Call for Proposals

Pacific is committed to supporting inter-disciplinary teams of faculty members and students to address complex and pressing societal issues. Therefore, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will continue to fund proposals for interdisciplinary research projects that involve at least two faculty or staff from different schools, departments, or disciplines. The awards will average about \$20,000 for 2-year projects.

As a reminder, the themes supported are:

- Sustainability
 - Research to understand and promote social, environmental, health, or economic aspects of sustainable development.
- Inequities / Disparities / Equity
 - Research to understand impacts of social, health, racial, or economic inequities, and promotion of community-based equity and civic action.
- Climate Change
 - Research to understand impact of climate change, including on water supplies, droughts, wildfires, and agricultural resilience as well as investigating direct or indirect effects of climate change on public health, particularly but not exclusively health equity.
- Pandemics
 - With goal to prepare for future pandemics, research to understand the anti-vaccination movement and role of culture and politics in implementing public health measures as well as research to develop alternative antibiotics or novel treatments for viral infections, and diagnosis and surveillance of pathogens.
- Artificial Intelligence and Data-Driven Science
 - Applications to understand and exploit social, health, environmental and economic data.

The next due date is **March 18th, 2024**. For application [Read more](#) |

Reminder: Call for Proposals from Pre-Tenured Faculty

Pacific is committed to the success of our faculty in all areas of their career, including teaching and research. With the goal of supporting faculty at early stages of their career, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will fund 2 or 3 proposals per semester for assistant professors in the tenure track. Awards will average about \$20,000 for 2-

year projects. The awards will be used to generate preliminary results that will lead to applications for external funding after the 2-year period.

Next deadlines for submission will be **March 18, 2024**. [Apply Here |](#)

Grant Writing Group

In conjunction with the Center for Teaching and Learning, we will host a new cohort of the Grant Writing Group. This group is designed to help faculty and staff working on grants or seeking to apply for grants. In each meeting, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will provide useful information for the process. The group will also provide time to work on grants, feedback from one another, and an opportunity to learn about the process as participants construct their own letters of intent or proposals.

The first date of the group for the new cohort will be February 12, from 2 pm to 3 pm. To see more and RSVP: [Read more |](#)

Funding Opportunity for Hispanic Serving Institutions

Pacific has now been designated a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the Department of Education. This means that new funding opportunities are available for student support and faculty research.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced awards for faculty in the humanities at HSIs. This program strengthens the humanities by encouraging and expanding research opportunities for individual faculty and staff members. Awards support individuals pursuing scholarly research that is of value to humanities scholars, students, and/or general audiences. The program welcomes proposals in all areas of the humanities, regardless of geographic or chronological focus.

The maximum award amount is \$5,000 per month for a 2-to-12-month period. The deadline for submission of applications is **April 10, 2024**.

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