UC San Diego
SOCIAL SCIENCES

**School of Social Sciences Special Initiatives Fund**

**Goal:** Support faculty scholarly and community building activity in the School of Social Sciences by supplementing required Department/Program/Center financial support.

**Funding For:** Lecture series
Book workshops
Commemorative events (anniversary celebrations, memorials)
Conferences
Grant-development workshops

**How Much:** $2,000-$10,000 per proposal. Up to $100,000 total per year will be awarded. These funds must be accompanied by Department/Program/Center financial support for the proposed activity.

**Who:** Current School of Social Sciences faculty who are Academic Senate Members. Proposals can be submitted by individual faculty members or by groups of faculty. Program will fund at most one activity from any faculty member at a time.

**Project Length:** Up to 1 year

**Process:** Decisions will be made by the Assistant Dean, Associate Deans, and the Dean.

**Policy Start Date:** September 21, 2026

**Proposal Deadline:** Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting at the beginning of the fiscal year and will continue until funds are exhausted. Early submission will ensure full consideration.

**Proposal Content:** A. Project description [maximum 1 page]

1. Description of activities that will be supported.

2. Explanation of the impact of these activities for the Department, the School, UCSD and/or the field

B. Budget and Budget Narrative [maximum 2 pages]

1. Other funding the researcher(s) has/have been awarded for this and other current projects, including required financial support from Departments/Programs/Centers.

2. Evidence of financial need (for instance, lack of startup or existing grant or Department/Programs/Center resources).

3. Budget Narrative
4. Draft Budget

C. Endorsement of the department chair (or vice chair if applicant is chair) [maximum 1 paragraph]

**Submission:** Submit all proposal content in a single file via the online submission portal (https://goo.gl/JQncwf). To use this portal, applicant must log in using UCSD email address and AD (wifi/email) password.

**Summary** Also to be submitted via the online portal: A brief description (maximum 100 words) for a general audience of the proposed activity and its impact, to be used in public communication about divisional activities.

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