

## **Call for Proposals: Early-to Mid-Career Scholar Research Grants**

The Earl Babbie Research Center invites proposals from early- to mid-career scholars for small research grants. These awards are intended to enhance productivity, support development of new projects, and provide funding for research.

### **Purpose**

To provide short-term research funding to initiate or expand innovative lines of inquiry aligned with the Earl Babbie Research Center's mission.

### **Award Amount & Period**

- Up to \$2,000 per project
- Funds must be spent within the designated award period

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be early- to mid-career full-time faculty affiliated with the social sciences. Preference may be given to those who have not recently received Center funding.

### **Allowable Activities**

Examples may include but not limited to:

- Pilot or exploratory research
- Data collection or acquisition
- Participant incentives

### **Unallowable Costs**

Funds may not be used for:

- Faculty salary or course release
- Routine administrative or office expenses
- Student or research assistant support
- Research/ conference travel
- General conference travel not tied to research activity
- Projects primarily supporting student-led research
- Costs necessary to prepare external grant submissions or scholarly products

All expenses must follow university policy. Indirect costs are not permitted.

## **Proposal Narrative (Maximum 1 Page)**

In clear language for a broad academic audience, include:

1. Significance / purpose of the project
2. Approach and brief timeline
3. Feasibility and resources
4. Expected outcomes
5. How funds will be used (brief budget explanation with detailed expenses)

## **Formatting**

- 1 page maximum
- Double spaced
- 12-point font
- 1-inch margins
- Times New Roman

## **Review Process & Criteria**

Proposals will be reviewed by Center leadership and/or a faculty committee. Evaluation will consider:

- Intellectual merit
- Innovation
- Feasibility within timeframe and budget
- Alignment with Center mission
- Likelihood of leading to publications, presentations, or external funding

## **Compliance**

Projects requiring IRB or other approvals must obtain them prior to initiating expenditures.

## **Reporting & Acknowledgment**

Recipients must submit a short expected outcomes summary and provide a photo prior to the funding period.

## **Submission**

Submit a single PDF to the Center Director, Ashley Kranjac ([kranjac@chapman.edu](mailto:kranjac@chapman.edu)) with Aimee DeMier ([ademier@chapman.edu](mailto:ademier@chapman.edu)) and Emma Tompkins ([etompkins@chapman.edu](mailto:etompkins@chapman.edu)) cc'd by April 15, 2026 at 11:59PM PST. Funding decisions will be communicated after review.