

CAS Faculty Development Fall Report - 2019

During the Fall 2019 semester, the USF College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Faculty Development Committee helped administer the college's travel award program. The program supports foreign and domestic travel for faculty presenting at a major conference. The committee decided that eligible applicants must (1) be tenured or tenure-track or research CAS faculty; (2) be the presenter of the paper, poster, or keynote address and the one travelling to present at the academic conference, and (3) not be a recent (in the last 12 months) CAS-ORS internal award recipient.

As of the October 30th deadline, the committee received applications from 21 CAS faculty. Committee members evaluated these proposals individually, using criteria listed in the call, and then met collectively to make final decisions. Based on these criteria, the committee was able to award travel grants to 16 different applicants for travel occurring between November 2019 and July 2020. Most travel awards were for \$750; one was less because the faculty had complementary sources of funding.

At our meeting, committee members discussed whether visiting and continuing lecturers should be eligible for the travel award. Committee members noted that several instructors are active in research and attend conferences, but research assignments and expectations for instructors vary considerably across departments. It was decided that the committee should first gather more information on the College's promotional criteria for instructors, and, based on this information, decide whether to include instructors in the next call for travel awards (Spring 2020). The committee will meet again in Spring 2020 to discuss the eligibility criteria and select recipients of travel awards for the next grant review cycle.

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