**Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC) Annual Report, 2018-2019**

Charge

The Committee on Professional Development shall monitor and provide leadership on ongoing professional development and mentoring opportunities for LAUC-I members.

1. Coordinate LAUC-I activities associated with the LAUC (System-wide) "Call for Research Proposals, UC Research Grants for Librarians."
2. Undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board. Submitted by: Joshua Hutchinson

Members

Joshua Hutchinson (Chair) (2017-2019), Julia Gelfand (2018-2019), Madelynn Dickerson (2018-2019), Hector Perez-Gilbert (2018-2020)

Summary of Activities

Fall 2018: LAUC-I submitted 3 presentation grants and 1 research grant. The 3 presentation grants were funded (at a reduced level of $500).

Spring 2019: LAUC-I submitted 6 presentation and 1 mini grant. 5 presentation grants were funded (at a reduced level of $500).

Issues to resolve next year

1. Work with LAUC RPDC to:
	1. ensure that RPDC website is clear, presents up-to-date information, and offers worthwhile advice to grant seekers;
	2. create a form for grant-seekers that provides with an efficient way of providing LAUC-I RPDC members and the LAUC RPDC with all the information needed to make informed funding decisions
2. Work to increase the number and quality of Irvine research grants submitted. Consider holding programs with grant winners. Ensure that multiple calls for applications are sent throughout the process, announcements are made at LAUC-I meetings, etc.
3. Consider ensuring that a transition meeting is held in August/September with the outgoing and incoming chairs of the committee to share knowledge (if necessary).