

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC)</b> <b>LAUC-I Standing Committee</b> <b>2024-2025 Report</b></p>
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**Submitted to General Membership:** July 28, 2025

**Submitted by:** Melissa Beuoy

**Members (End Term):** Melissa Beuoy (Chair, 2025); Mitchell Brown (2025); Carrie Cullen (2026); Kaitlyn Winkle (2026)

**Charge:**

The RPDC shall monitor and provide leadership on ongoing research, 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. Coordinate annual LAUC-I activities that promote LAUC-I member achievements.
3. Undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board.

**Summary of Activities:**

*Grant Proposals*

LAUC-I facilitated the acceptance of six R&PD proposals for 2024-2025. Awards included:

- One research grant for \$5000 to a represented librarian
- Five presentation grants: four grants for \$600 to represented librarians and one grant for \$510 to a non-represented librarian

The fall call for proposals for research, mini, and presentation grants was issued by LAUC Statewide on September 30, 2024. Proposals were due to LAUC-I RPDC for review by November 12, 2024. RPDC received one research grant proposal and two presentation grant proposals. The local committee reviewed the proposals, requested additional information or suggested edits, and submitted the final proposals to LAUC Statewide R&PD. All three grants were awarded to LAUC-I members, including two to represented librarians and one to a non-represented librarian.

The spring call for proposals for mini and presentation grants was issued by LAUC Statewide on January 31, 2025. Proposals were due to LAUC-I RPDC for review by February 14, 2025. RPDC received three presentation grant proposals. The committee reviewed the proposals, requested additional information or suggested edits, and submitted the final proposals to LAUC Statewide R&PD. All three grants were awarded to represented LAUC-I members.

Due to extra funding awarded to Statewide R&PD, a third, extraordinary call for proposals was made on March 25, 2025. LAUC-I RPDC did not receive any proposals for this call.

### *Member Achievements*

LAUC-I RPDC issued a request for member achievements for the calendar year 2024. Achievements were posted to the [LAUC-I website](#) in April 2025. Eight LAUC-I members self-reported a total of eleven achievements, including book reviews, co-authored articles or book chapters, conference presentations, and professional membership achievements.

### *New Chair*

Carrie Cullen volunteered to be the RPDC Chair for 2025-2026.

### **Recommendations for the Future:**

Given the increase in funding from UCOP in 2024-2025, there is discussion at LAUC Statewide about potentially changing grant amounts. As a result, there may be some slight changes in the 2025-2026 grant cycle.