

Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC)
LAUC-I Standing Committee
2021-2022 Report

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Members (End Term): **Scott Stone** (Chair, 2022); Tatiana Bryant (2023); Sara Heimann (interim, 2022)

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. Undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board.

Supplemental Charges (if applicable):

The 2018-2019 LAUC-I Report, Highlighting Librarian Achievements, focuses on recommendations for internal sharing of information within the UCI Libraries as part of fostering a culture of scholarship, professional accomplishment, and intellectual growth. It was decided that this should be incorporated into the RPDC charge. The Supplemental Charge for the committee is for a two-year period, 2020-2022:

LAUC-I Research & Professional Development Committee (RPDC) RPDC shall investigate and then implement the inclusion of this permanent Duty: highlighting LAUC-I members' professional achievements.

- RPDC shall determine what constitutes a reasonable scope for this Duty, i.e. what new responsibilities the Committee can assume to help fulfill this Duty, without over-burdening its members.
- RPDC shall determine whether its current Charge in the LAUC-I Bylaws sufficiently reflects this Duty, or whether the charge should be updated to reflect this Duty; if the latter, then RPDC will propose an Amendment to the LAUC-I Bylaws.
- RPDC shall document its new responsibilities and accompanying workflows as it sees fit for the benefit of incoming RPDC members.

Summary of Activities:

1. The Committee worked to fulfill its charge related to providing leadership on research funding by encouraging LAUC-I members to apply for LAUC Research and Professional Development grants. While no LAUC-I members applied for a grant this year, the Chair did participate in system-wide discussions on the LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee to provide feedback on grant proposals from other LAUC chapters.
2. The Committee implemented the Supplementary Charge that was given to us by the LAUC-I Executive Board. To this, we sent out the first call for LAUC-I members to self-report their professional achievements using a Google form. This information was put on a publicly accessible page on the LAUC-I website (<https://lauci.lib.uci.edu/member-achievements>). Furthermore, Committee member Sara Heimann spearheaded an online event that provided LAUC-I members who had previously submitted achievements to give a brief lightning presentation. This event had seven presenters and twenty-two attendees.

Recommendations for the Future:

1. Decide whether the Supplemental Charge will be integrated into the standing Charge for the Committee. If so, update documentation accordingly.