

Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC)
LAUC-I Standing Committee
2022-2023 Report

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Members (End Term): Sara Heimann (Chair, 2023); Jenna Dufour (2024); Linda Murphy (2024).

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):

N/A

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. The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on grant proposals received from the LAUC-I membership and the Chair participated in system-wide discussions in which all submissions were evaluated for funding. Over the course of the term, the Committee received three grant proposals from LAUC-I members, all of which were funded in full. This included one research grant and two presentation grants.
2. The Committee continued its efforts to highlight librarian achievements (Supplemental Charge from 2020-2022) by collecting self-reported professional achievements from the LAUC-I membership for the year 2022 and using this information to update the "Member Achievements" (<https://lauci.lib.uci.edu/member-achievements>) page on the LAUC-I website.

In addition, Committee member Jenna Dufour led an online event, the Librarian Achievements Showcase, on June 1, 2023, in which librarians presented brief lightning talks on their achievements to attendees from across the UCI Libraries. The event included 6 presenters and was well attended with 27 colleagues participating on Zoom.

Recommendations for the Future:

Decide whether the Supplemental Charge should be integrated into the Standing Charge for the Committee. If so, update documentation accordingly. Proposed revised charge from 2020-2021 RPDC (changes in italics):

Article VII.8.b. Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC). 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.