

Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC)
LAUC-I Standing Committee
2013-2014 Report

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Charge:

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

Summary of Activities:

Hosted a workshop titled “Personal Research Lifecycle Enactment” on November 15, 2013 showing the elements of searching for grants, applying for LAUC research grants and deadlines, and submitting materials to eScholarship.

Ying participated on the LAUC RPDC committee for evaluating grant proposals. She promoted LAUC grant opportunities and gathered committee input on LAUC grant proposals submitted by librarians. Two of the three research grants awarded by LAUC were given to UC Irvine Librarians.

Recommendations for the Future:

- Host a workshop on proposal writing. Invite someone from the Office of Research to talk about how to put together a grant proposal.
- Revise and update material on the wiki for future use of RPDC committees and librarians committed to research.
- Review and revise any procedures associated with the committee.

- Create other opportunities to learn about the process of writing for external grants that were submitted by librarians (e.g., NEH grant) by providing a brown bag discussion.
- Offer to vet proposals unrelated to LAUC grants.