

<p style="text-align: center;">Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC) LAUC-I Standing Committee 2014-2015 Report</p>

Submitted to General Membership: [insert date]

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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

Vision Statement/Goals:

The 2014-15 LAUC-I Research and Professional Development Committee will facilitate and foster professional development for librarians. This will be accomplished by providing guidance for and reviewing LAUC grant proposals, offering programming regarding research and grant writing in collaboration with the 2014-15 LAUC-I Program Committee, and undertaking other mentoring or development opportunities that may arise.

Summary of Activities:

Hosted a drop-in workshop to assist with LAUC grant applications. Co-hosted a joint program with the Program Committee titled “Wrapping Up Your IRB Proposal” conducted by Jessica Sheldon of the Office of Research, Kevin Ruminson, and Azadeh Vosoughian.

Ying Zhang participated on the LAUC R&PD committee for evaluating grant proposals. She promoted LAUC grant opportunities and gathered committee input on LAUC grant proposals submitted by librarians. Six presentation grants were awarded by LAUC to UC Irvine Librarians.

Recommendations for the Future:

- Revise and update material on the wiki for future use of R&PD committees and librarians committed to research, including the change to two calls per year.
- 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.