



## **CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS AY 2021-2022**

The **UST Research Center on Social Science and Education (RCSSED)** announces its **Call for Proposals** for the **RCSSED Research Grant Project (RRGP)** covering Academic Year (AY) 2021-2022.

### ***Eligibility***

RRGP is open to all Thomasian faculty members who are:

- (1) Tenured and (2) with at least a Master's degree and pursuing doctorate degree

### ***Disciplinary Thrusts***

Research proposals should fall under two major RCSSED disciplinary thrusts, namely, (a) social sciences; and (b) education. Specific disciplinary fields of study of current RCSSED researchers include: Anthropology, Business, Communication, Economics, Education, Environmental Science, Languages, Politics, Psychology, Social Development, Social Sciences, and Sociology. This current list of disciplines is expected to grow under the RRGP.

### ***Research Interest Groups (RIG)***

RRGP is composed of research interest groups (RIG) headed by a *RIG Leader*. Identified *RIG Leaders* plans and spearheads RIG's activities and monitor the research project under their interest group.

### ***Current Research Interest Groups***

**For Social Science:** Life Course and Intergenerational Studies, Business Studies, Sustainability Studies, Psychology Studies, Language Studies, Community-Engaged Studies, Studies on Church and Social Issues, Social Health Studies, Politics and Public Policy

**For Education:** Educational and Leadership Studies (including transnational education, Shadow Education, Teacher Education, Studies on K to 12, academe-industry partnership)

### ***Requirements for Application***

Applicants should prepare three requirements:

1. A **letter of intent** endorsed by the Dean and noted by the Department Chair/Disciplinary Coordinator. The letter should clearly stipulate disciplinary background, research interest, intended RIG to work under, and rationale on how RCSSED may assist the applicant in pursuing a research career in the university.
2. **Curriculum vitae** (following RCSSED format/template)
3. A **full-blown research proposal** with the following parts:
  - a. Title of the study
  - b. Name of Proponent / Affiliation
  - c. Indicative Abstract
  - d. Rationale of the Study / Significance of the Study
  - e. Research Objectives / Research Questions / Research Hypothesis
  - f. Theoretical Background (Theoretical Framework & Literature Review)
  - g. Research Simulacrum / Conceptual Framework (if any)
  - h. Method
  - i. References
  - j. Gantt Chart / Timetable
  - k. Line-item budget

\*Proposal templates are available at the RCSSED website: <http://rcssed.ust.edu.ph/> and guruspatio under downloadables. Research load allocation for successful applicants will be according to the following research load guidelines:

## Research Load Guidelines for AY 2021-2022

A. New Researchers (MS/MA/PhD)		
<b>i. FIRST TIME:</b> ❖ Must have proof of publication ❖ Research proposal preferably based on their MS/PhD Research Topic		6 units
<b>ii. RETURNEES (with research publication in the last 5 yrs.)</b>		6 units
B. Old Researchers [affiliated to RCs for the past 3 yrs (AY 2018-2019 to AY 2020-2021) or earlier]		
<b>No publication</b>		<b>No Research load For AY 2021-2022</b>
<b>TIER 1 (Fundamental / Essential) (MS/MA/PHD)</b>	Have skills to conduct research No publications but with paper presentations for the last two AY (2019-2020 to 2020-2021)	6 units
<b>TIER 2 Core (Functional) (MS/MA/PHD)</b>	With at least one publication and paper presentation for the last two AY (2019-2020 to 2020-2021) Able to write research proposals for external grant Capable of mentoring graduate and/or undergraduate students	9 to 12 units
<b>TIER 3 Visionary (Next level position) (PhD only)</b>	PhD degree holder Highly productive – With publications and paper presentations for the last two AY (2019-2020 to 2020-2021) Had an external grant as principal investigator/program or project lead Capable of mentoring graduate and undergraduate students	12 to 15 units
<b>+3 units</b>	For those with concurrent external grants and RCSSSED research projects (whether program/project leads, principal investigator or co-researcher) Note: (for researchers who are part of an external grant) * New researchers are only allowed to have 1 project at a time * Old researchers should have an RCSSSED funded project, other than the external grant, to merit the additional 3 units.	
<b>Graduate School faculty</b>	70 years old and below; PhD degree holder Highly productive – With publications and paper presentations for the last 5 years Have funded researches as lead researcher Active graduate school research advisers * Exclusively teaching in UST Graduate School Research load will depend upon the teaching load of the faculty	6 or 9 units

Note:

- Additional load for funded researches will depend upon the amount of grant and the number of researchers in the research project
- Final research load be awarded by the Research Center Director and approved by OVRRI.
- Amount of research funds will depend upon the nature of research
- Determination of research load allocation will be based on the results of the *Research Performance Review (RPR)* and *Research Proposal Evaluation (RPE)*.

### RRGP Guidelines

1. Applicants are expected to prepare the three requirements and secure the necessary endorsement from the Dean with the knowledge of the Department Chair/Disciplinary Coordinator.
2. Application documents should be in electronic versions.
3. Submitted applications will be evaluated by the RCSSSED director and the RRGPE Evaluation Board for enrichment.
4. Applicants will be notified of the decision of the RRGPE Evaluation Board as soon as evaluation is completed.



**Evaluation and Enhancement Process**

1. The competitive evaluation of eligible proposals will be undertaken by the Research Center Director and RRGPE Evaluation Board comprising of designated disciplinary leads, one research expert and another content expert.
2. Review criteria includes:
  - a. **Contribution to New Knowledge and to the Society.**
    - i. Aligned to the research agenda of the University
    - ii. Aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals, Philippine Development Plan and DOST Priority Areas
  - b. **Academic significance** of the project contributes to the applicant’s disciplinary expertise as this has potential to advance his/her professional development specifically in the realm of research career, engagement, and excellence.
  - c. **Quality of the proposal** reflects the applicant’s deep knowledge and disciplinary familiarity with the proposed research focus, methods, theories, procedures, and implications.
  - d. **Intended outcomes** of the proposal are clear, sufficient, and feasible.
  - e. **Budget allocation** is appropriate to the proposed project.

**Submission Procedures**

Proposals and requirements are to be submitted to the RCSSED email address [rcssed@ust.edu.ph](mailto:rcssed@ust.edu.ph) addressed to:

**Prof. Belinda V. de Castro, PhD**, Director  
UST Research Center for Social Science and Education (UST-RCSSED)

**Important Dates to Remember**

<b>Submission of all application documents</b>	<b><i>On or before April 3, 2021</i></b>
<b>Research proposal evaluation</b>	<b><i>April 6 to 30, 2021</i></b>
<b>Notice of acceptance</b>	<b><i>May 4 to 8, 2021</i></b>

**FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES, Email or call our RCSSED Staff:**

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