***CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS***

**AY 2022-2023**

The **UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED)** announces its **Call for Proposals** for the **RCSSED Research Grant Project (RRGP)** covering Academic Year (AY) 2022-2023.

***Eligibility***

RRGP is open to all Thomasian faculty members who are:

1. Tenured,
2. with at least a Master’s degree and pursuing doctorate degree, and
3. have research publication/s in reputable peer-reviewed journals

***Disciplinal Thrusts***

Research proposals should fall under two major RCSSED disciplinal thrusts, namely, (a) social sciences; and (b) education. Specific disciplinal fields of study of current RCSSED researchers include: Anthropology, Business, Communication, Economics, Education, Environmental Science, Gerontology, Languages, Politics, Psychology, Social Development, Social Sciences, Sociology and Tourism and Hospitality. 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 (Youth & Aging 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, TechVoc Studies)

***Requirements for Application***

Applicants should prepare three requirements:

1. A **letter of intent** endorsed by the Dean and noted by the Department Chair/Disciplinal Coordinator. The letter should clearly stipulate disciplinal 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:
4. Title of the study
5. Name of Proponent / Affiliation
6. Indicative Abstract
7. Rationale of the Study / Significance of the Study
8. Research Objectives / Research Questions / Research Hypothesis
9. Theoretical Background (Theoretical Framework & Literature Review)
10. Research Simulacrum / Conceptual Framework (if any)
11. Method
12. Description of the alignment of the proposed study to your teaching and/or service engagement functions
13. **Target journal/s for publication of your research output**
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15. References
16. Gantt Chart / Timetable
17. Line-item budget

\*Proposal templates are available at the RCSSED website: <http://rcssed.ust.edu.ph/>.

***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/Disciplinal Coordinator.

2. Application documents should be in electronic versions.

3. Submitted applications (new researchers, Tier 1 and 2) will be assessed by the RCSSED director and the RRGP Assessment Circle for enrichment through a research proposal presentation.

4. Applicants will be notified of the decision of the RRGP Assessment Circle 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 RRGP Assessment Circle comprising of designated disciplinal leads, one research expert and another content expert.
2. Review criteria includes:
3. ***Contribution to New Knowledge and to the Society.***
4. Aligned to the research agenda of the University
5. Aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals, Philippine Development Plan and National Research Priority Areas (DOST, NRCP, NIBRA, NUHRA)
6. ***Academic significance*** of the project contributes to the applicant’s disciplinal expertise as this has potential to advance his/her professional development specifically in the realm of research career, engagement, and excellence.
7. ***Quality of the proposal*** reflects the applicant’s deep knowledge and disciplinal familiarity with the proposed research focus, methods, theories, procedures, and implications.
8. ***Intended outcomes*** of the proposal are clear, sufficient, and feasible.
9. ***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***

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| **Submission of all application documents** | ***On or before April 25, 2022*** |
| **Research proposal evaluation** | ***April 26 to May 20, 2022*** |
| **Notice of acceptance** | ***May 23 to 27, 2022*** |

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

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