

Faculty Pre-Tenure Enhancement Program (PREP)

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Dollar Amount of Funding: \$50,000 allocated; \$60,376 total invested in the PREP awards

Amount Spent as of June 30th: \$44,358¹

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Description of How Funding was Used:

The purpose of the Faculty PREP program is to provide early-career faculty with additional time and resources to extend and advance lines of research or scholarly inquiry which they have already initiated. The purpose of the grant is not to fund a specific research/scholarly project or initiative but to enable faculty to have additional time and resources to take a nascent or ongoing scholarly/research initiative to the next level, building their capacity to successfully achieve tenure and promotion.

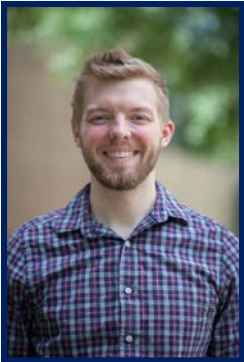
During the second annual Faculty PREP competition, thirteen proposals were submitted, and after engaging over 30 faculty members and administrators in the review process, a total of 6 faculty members were awarded. More than \$60,000 in funding will bolster pre-tenure faculty’s research portfolios further ensuring success towards promotion and tenure.

With support from the UC Foundation and guidance from the Office of Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) and the Office of Research & Sponsored programs (ORSP), the following pre-tenure faculty members received and implemented Faculty PREP awards during the 2017-18 fiscal year award period:

Faculty PI	College	Project Title	Award
Dr. David Ferrier, <i>Psychology</i>	Arts & Sciences	Teacher and Classroom Influences on Children's Developing Social-Emotional and Self-Regulatory Abilities	\$5,898
Dr. Bradley Harris, <i>Civil & Chemical Engineering</i>	Engineering & Computer Science	Studying the Physiological and Behavioral Adaptations of Pathogenic Bacteria in an Effort to Improve Disease Control Strategies	\$14,991
Dr. Han Park, <i>Chemistry & Physics</i>	Arts & Sciences	Photoacoustic Microscopy Experiment with Gold Nanostructures: Sound Generation by Precious Metal	\$7,000
Dr. Katherine Rogers, <i>Psychology</i>	Arts & Sciences	Forming First Impressions: Examining Who and How?	\$7,358
Prof. Christina Vogel, <i>Art</i>	Arts & Sciences	Humble and Heroic: New Perceptual Paintings	\$11,500
Dr. Amanda Wintersieck, <i>Political Science & Public Service</i>	Arts & Sciences	Fact-Checking the 2016 Presidential Election	\$13,629
			\$60,376²

¹ There may be additional funds expended associated with summer salaries that had not yet hit the ledgers as of 6/30.

² The Vice Chancellor for Research made additional investments from other sources in order to fund some additional, particularly meritorious projects, supplementing the \$50,000 allocated by the UC Foundation.



"Through this funding mechanism, my research was supported in such a way that I was able to complete a manuscript, while also having both a poster accepted and be invited to participate in a prestigious panel presentation at the upcoming American Psychological Association. Additionally, my PREP-funded RAs have been invaluable in helping establish my research agenda for the next several years, which has included networking and relationship-building in the local community, resulting in a research partnership with the local early childhood community. Without this PREP support, I would not have been able to move as many projects forward as I wanted, however, because of it, I am optimistic that my case for tenure has been indelibly advanced."

- Dr. David Ferrier

"The PREP award allowed me to purchase an essential piece of equipment for an ongoing research project, and provided support for research assistants. The work enabled by the award was conducted solely by undergraduate students, and has resulted in multiple conference presentations as well as a pending manuscript submission. The equipment purchased was also a central piece of a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health."

- Dr. Bradley Harris



"The PREP funds were used for expanding the research platform and helped to build my capacity to successfully earn tenure. The funded research created a trajectory for my scholarly activity and success by accessing to partnerships with research labs in research universities. PREP Grant supported me to generate preliminary results for seeking these external grants and developing collaborations with medical researchers."

- Dr. Han Park

"The Faculty PREP grant allowed me to become a Co-PI on an NSF grant valued at over \$900,000, have three articles currently accepted to be published at top-ranking journals while another is currently under review, to present my findings at regional and international conferences 16 times, and collect over 700 participants for my research on first impressions. The Faculty PREP has also continued to serve as a basis for three additional collaborations!"

- Dr. Katherine Rogers



"PREP support allowed me to prioritize my creative research during the 2017-18 academic year, which has led to multiple opportunities to disseminate my work and teaching at the regional, national, and international level. Notable professional achievements include curating my first exhibition, an activity well-respected in my field, and teaching a painting workshop in Civita Castellana, Italy, which brought exposure to my dual practice as a visual artist and educator. I was invited to participate in two group exhibitions that open this month, and I will participate in two more exhibitions which occur early in 2019."

- Prof. Christina Vogel

"The PREP Grant led to an extremely productive Spring 2018 Semester by allowing me time to clean my data and separate it into two separate projects, thus allowing me to present a new manuscript at the noteworthy Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association and the invitation-only conference on Post-Truth Politics in America which will be the basis of a new book chapter! The PREP grant gave me time to present at two on-campus conferences and get a head start on two other projects."

- Dr. Amanda Wintersieck

