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Managing a Strategic Investment Fund

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- Accelerator Prizes & Awards
- Cost Share Requests

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
- Translational Research Decisions
- Technology Licensing Decisions
- Startup-Spinoff Decisions
- Approval of Patent Pursuits

FACULTY
- Tenure Decisions
- Student-Nominated Awards
- Research Awards
- University Senate
- Honorary Degree Decisions
- Sabbatical Decisions
- Classroom Grants
- Outside Employment Forms
- Fellowships

ADMINISTRATION
- Routine Approval
- Routing Approval of Major Expenses
- Review of Strategic Decisions
- Pandemic Re-Openings
- Institute/Center Annual Reports

RESEARCHERS & GRADUATE STUDENTS
- Fellowship Selections

- Pre-doc Fellowships
- Dissertation Reviews

STUDENTS
- Scholarship Decisions
- Honors Program
- Admissions Program
- Admission Decisions
- Student Research Competitions
- Undergraduate Research Grants
- Undergraduate Fellowships
- Student Scholar Awards
- Poster Competitions

STUDENT SUCCESS & DIVERSITY
- Student Advising Processes
- Student Success Programs
- Student Engagement Programs
- Student Retention Initiatives
- Residency waivers

- Emergency Funding

PEER REVIEW
- Journal Publication Selections
- Textbook Reviews
- Dissemination Support

THE ARTS
- Fine Arts Competitions
- Performing Arts
- Competitions Arts Programs Admissions
- Film Festival Selections
- Film Festival Jury Awards

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & TRAVEL
- Applications to Attend
- Poster Presentation
- Selections Paper
- Presentation Selections
- Travel Request Approvals
- Travel Grants

OUTREACH PROGRAMS
- K-12 Program Registration

- K-12 Competitive Programs
- High School Programs
- Diversity-Driven Programs

CLASSROOM
- Course Releases
- Course Reviews
- Reassigned Time Approval

GLOBAL & STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
- International Agreements Trip Applications

Our Presenter

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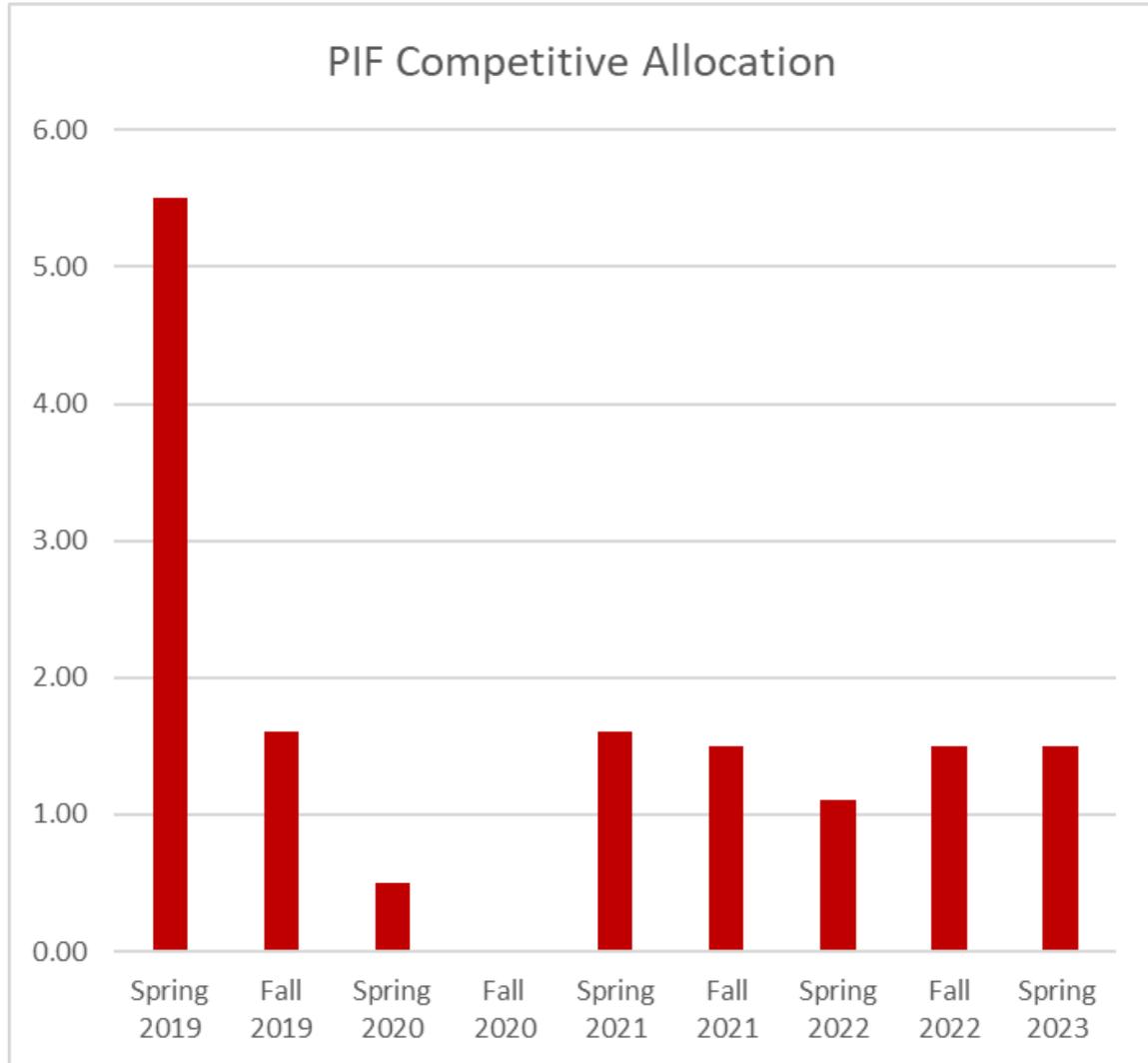# Provost's Investment Fund (PIF)

Sept. 12, 2023

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally-recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.

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Guiding Principles

- Transparent

- Nimble and proactive in funding high-impact projects that align with the [University's strategic goals](#) and support our ambitions for institutional excellence and distinctiveness

- Collaborative and interdisciplinary

WILDCAT JOURNEY
Preparing students with the skills and mindsets to lead in the 4th Industrial Revolution

GRAND CHALLENGES
Tackling society's biggest challenges by enabling discoveries that will fundamentally shape the future

ARIZONA ADVANTAGE
Advancing our land grant mission to drive social, cultural, and economic impact

ARIZONA GLOBAL
Setting the standard for a global university in the digital age

INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE
Living our values and innovative culture to enable a high performing institution

PIF Competitive Allocation

- Competitive submission process started in Spring 2019.

- No competitive submission in Fall 2020 (pandemic).

- Partner with others to find other sources of funding.

- Reports are available on the PIF website > transparency

Funding Priorities

- Increasing student success, graduation, and retention, especially for groups underrepresented within the relevant disciplines.

- Promoting growth and opportunities to generate new net revenue for the institution.

- Expanding student experiential learning, including undergraduate research opportunities.

- Enhancing research capacity.

- Promoting diversity and inclusivity.

Proposal Categories/Relevant Operational Areas

Relevant Operational Areas *
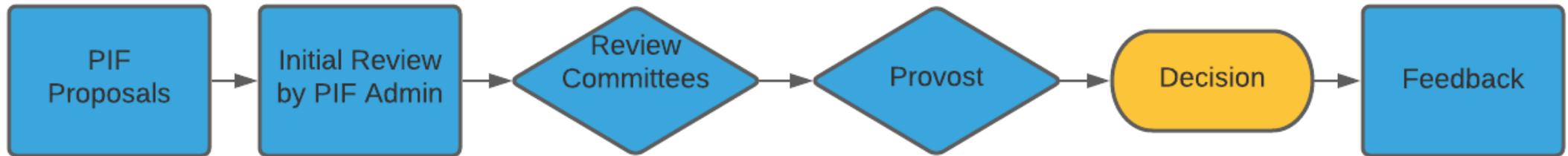Assign the request to up to two of the following broad operational areas that fit best with your proposal.

- [ ] Academic/Instructional Program

- [ ] Instruction and/or Research Infrastructure Project

- [ ] Student Support Program

- [ ] Employee Support Program

- [ ] Administrative Support Project

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PIF Fall and Spring Cycles

Cycle	Open for Submission	Submission Deadline	Official Response By
Fall	Mid August	Early October	Mid December
Spring	Early January	Late February	Mid April

- $1M per cycle to be awarded.

- Funding range: $15,000 - $100,000 per year for a maximum of two years.

- Eligibility: Full-time Faculty and Staff; Department Heads / Chairs / Directors

- Process from proposal submissions, reviews, awards, and progress reports are done using **InfoReady** > Arizona Cultivate.

PIF Review Process

| PIF Proposals | → | Initial Review by PIF Admin | → | Review Committees | → | Provost | → | Decision | → | Feedback |

- Peer reviewed by faculty, staff, and students.

- Send out call for nominations to be PIF reviewers. About 30 per cycle.

- Reviewers will provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses for each proposal, to be shared with proposers.

Lessons Learned and Best Practices

- Establish funding priorities.

- Assign proposals into categories/relevant operational areas.

- Set up funding limit: amount and period.

- Create thorough proposal submission guidelines. Be clear on the maximum number of pages/words/characters > InfoReady form feature.

- Set up submission deadline during the weekday around noon.

- Involve campus community in the review process.

- Continuous improvement via feedback.

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