



SUL ROSS
RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Fall 2023 New Faculty and Staff Onboarding

Project Title	Funding Agency	PI / PD	Project Period	Award Amount
Assessing the Success of Pronghorn Restoration in the Trans-Pecos	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Bill Adams	9/1/18 – 8/31/23	\$512,325
GEAR-Up Project ReACH	U.S. Department of Education	Monica Saenz	10/1/18 – 9/30/25	\$6,277,600
Avanzando en la Frontera: Preparing Students for a Sustainable Future through the use of Technology for Efficient Livestock Production	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Bonnie Warnock	9/1/19 – 8/31/23	\$249,964
Collection, Development, and Release of Native Seeds for West Texas	U.S. Department of Agriculture (subaward of Texas A&M University – Kingsville)	Bill Adams	10/1/19 – 8/21/23	\$150,000
TRIO Student Support Services	U.S. Department of Education	Erika Zwahr	9/1/20 – 8/30/25	\$1,375,525
Partners for Habitat Program	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Louis Harveson	10/1/20 – 9/30/25	\$150,000
Title V – The Frontier Student Experience	U.S. Department of Education	Kendall Craig, Joe Waggoner	10/1/20 – 9/30/25	\$2,883,386
Restoring Marfa and Marathon Grassland Habitat for Wintering Migratory Birds	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Carlos “Lalo” Gonzalez	10/22/20 – 12/31/23	\$180,674
Fescue Rescue: A bi-national augmentation project for restoring Sky Island Guadalupe fescue populations	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Kelsey Wogan	1/1/21 – 12/31/23	\$14,525
Museum of the Big Bend Capital Renovation	National Endowment for the Humanities	Mary Bones	5/1/21 – 4/30/26	\$750,000
Advancing Chemistry. Improving Life	Welch Foundation	Hong-Young Chang	6/1/21 – 5/31/24	\$75,000
Mental Health Counseling Services in Southwest Texas	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (subaward of University of Texas – El Paso)	Barbara Tucker	7/1/21 – 6/30/25	\$640,860
Noyce Scholars en la Frontera	National Science Foundation	Jennifer Miller	7/1/21 – 6/30/26	\$1,333,429
TRIO Talent Search	U.S. Department of Education	Kaylee Plowman	9/1/21 – 8/31/26	\$1,395,200
PPOHA – Advancing Graduate Programs en la Frontera	U.S. Department of Education	Ida Hoelscher	10/1/21 – 9/30/26	\$2,557,780
Title III, Part F – LoboTrack to STEM Success	U.S. Department of Education	Kendall Craig, Maya Vaughn	10/1/21 – 9/30/26	\$4,959,149
Chiral Polyoxometalate (POM) Clusters based on Strandberg Polyoxoanion: Rational Design, Synthesis, Characterization and Crystal Growth	American Chemical Society	Hong-Young Chang	1/1/22 – 8/31/24	\$55,000
Aoudad Impacts on Native Habitat	U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service	Carlos “Lalo” Gonzalez	6/1/22 – 12/31/24	\$43,600
Greater Big Bend Conservation Initiative	U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resource and Conservation Service	Billy Tarrant	6/22/22 – 6/23/27	\$3,500,000
Evaluating Barrier Permeability and Highway Crossing Locations of Pronghorn in a Key Restoration Area Bisected by la Entrada al Pacifico Trade Corridor	Texas Department of Transportation	Justin French	7/1/22 – 6/30/24	\$86,020
Building and Construction Trades - Electrician, Plumber & Building Inspector Certification Program	Texas Workforce Commission	Eric Busby	8/1/22 – 12/31/23	\$36,583

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BAM 2.0: Investigating Density-Dependent Competition Among Desert Bighorn, Aoudad, and Mule Deer to Identify Achievable Management Targets	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Justin French	9/1/22 – 9/30/29	\$2,154,086
Big Bend National Park River Corridor Archeological Survey	U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service	Bryon Schroeder	9/1/22 – 8/31/23	\$44,881
Congressionally Funded Community Projects – Archaeology, Anthropology, and Cultural Research Initiative	U.S. Department of Education	Bryon Schroeder	9/1/22 – 8/31/25	\$1,000,000
TRIO Upward Bound	U.S. Department of Education	Rockland Owens	9/1/22 – 8/30/27	\$1,755,875
PPOHA – Accelerating Access and Opportunity in West Texas	U.S. Department of Education	Estella Vega	10/1/22 – 9/30/27	\$2,907,179
Title V – Creating a Culture of Care	U.S. Department of Education	Joseph Olan	10/1/22 – 9/30/27	\$2,990,971
TRIO Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program	U.S. Department of Education	Kathleen Rivers	10/1/22 – 9/30/27	\$1,309,440
Understanding Transboundary Movements of Black Bears in West Texas	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (subaward of Texas A&M University – Kingsville)	Louis Harveson	10/1/22 – 9/30/27	\$940,000
Implementing a Needs Assessment for Promoting Restorative and Integrative Mental Health (Promotores de la Salud Mental Restauradora y Integrative)	American Psychological Association	Alicia Trotman	1/1/23 – 12/31/23	\$7,500
Small Business Development Center – Alpine	U.S. Small Business Administration (subaward of University of Texas – San Antonio)	Elizabeth Peña	1/1/23 – 12/31/25	\$240,079
Small Business Development Center – RGC	U.S. Small Business Administration (subaward of University of Texas – San Antonio)	Elizabeth Peña	1/1/23 – 12/31/25	\$373,560
Expanding Access and Increasing Capacity in Far West Texas	U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	Jacob Fuentes	2/1/23 – 1/31/25	\$2,770,417
SRSU Theatre Program	The Brown Foundation	Carolyn Barrientes	2/21/23 – 2/20/24	\$25,000
Archives of the Big Bend Digital Preservation	Preservica	Victoria Contreras	6/1/23 – 5/31/25	\$5,160
Grassland Habitat for Pollinators under Different Mowing Regimes at Fort Davis National Historic Site	U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service	Maureen Frank	6/2/23 – 6/30/26	\$68,150
Enhancing Nursing Simulation in Rural Nursing Education	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Minerva Gonzales	8/1/23 – 7/31/25	\$157,094
Educator Preparation Planning Grant	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (subaward of Texas State University System)	Barbara Tucker	8/7/2023– 9/30/23	\$37,500
Apache Corporation Grant	Apache Corporation	Carlos “Lalo” Gonzalez	9/1/23 – 8/31/26	\$895,840
Livestock Tanks for Migratory and Wintering Grassland Birds in the Trans-Pecos	U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service	Maureen Frank	10/1/23 – 9/30/26	\$82,485
Total Amount Awarded (40 Funded Grants)				\$44,991,837



Grant Guide 2023–2024

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Gift or Grant

To determine whether the funding you are pursuing is a gift or grant see the *SRSU Gift versus Grant Determination Process and Indicator Checklist* in Appendix I. If the funding you are pursuing is a gift, email the [Vice President of Advancement and Athletics](#) for assistance.

Introduction

This guide leads you through the grant process at Sul Ross State University (SRSU). Please follow all of the steps in this process. In particular, failure to complete step 3 will cause your grant proposal to not be submitted or your awarded grant to not be accepted. This process applies to all grants to be submitted by SRSU or any SRSU related foundation as well as to all grants to be submitted by another institution with SRSU as a subrecipient.

Grant Process at Sul Ross

1. Finding Grant Opportunities
 - a. If you need help finding grant funding opportunities for your project, send an email with details about your project and the amount of funding you are needing to the [SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#). You will be contacted when grant funding opportunities are found for your project.
 - b. If you know of a grant funding opportunity for your project, send an email with details about your project and the grant funding opportunity to the [SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).
2. Developing Grant Proposal

Email the [SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) for help with writing your grant proposal as well as reviewing your grant proposal before submission.
3. Final Grant Authorization

Complete the *University Approval for Externally Sponsored Programs and Projects* form in Appendix II at least two weeks before your grant proposal is due to insure all needed approvals are obtained. The SRSU virtual grants team can assist you with completing this form and obtaining all needed approvals. Your grant proposal will not be submitted without a fully approved *University Approval for Externally Sponsored Programs and Projects* form.
4. Grant Submission

Work with the SRSU virtual grants team to get your grant proposal uploaded on the appropriate website at least a couple of days before its deadline. Email the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) when your grant proposal is ready for submission. Only the Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs is authorized to submit grants on behalf of SRSU.

5. Awarded Grant Agreement
Email the grant agreement for your awarded grant to the [SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#). Only the Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs is authorized to sign grant agreements on behalf of SRSU. Your awarded grant will not be accepted without a fully approved *University Approval for Externally Sponsored Programs and Projects* form.
6. Publicize Awarded Grant
Email the [Director of University Communications](#) for help publicizing your awarded grant or publicize your awarded grant yourself if you do not need help with publicity.
7. Awarded Grant Support
Email the [SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) for assistance with managing your grant project. Email the [Sponsored Programs Accountant](#) for assistance with managing your grant account(s).
8. Closing Out Awarded Grant
Email the [SRSU virtual grants team](#) for help with closing out your grant project. Email the [Sponsored Programs Accountant](#) for help with closing out your grant account(s).

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Appendix I

SRSU Gift versus Grant Determination Process and Indicator Checklist

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Funding from an individual, a corporation, or a non-profit organization is sometimes difficult to classify as a gift or grant. The classification of funding as a gift or grant affects, among other things, the way SRSU documents and accounts for the funds, calculates and applies Facility and Administration costs (also known as overhead or indirect costs), and reports on the use of the funds to the donor or sponsor.

The definitions provided here seek to clarify the differences between gifts and grants. Additionally, the table of *Gift versus Grant Indicators* on the following page may be helpful in classifying funding.

In order to make the most accurate decision, all funding related information should be reviewed by appropriate participants in decision-making. This may include the administrative leadership, Office of Advancement and Athletics, principal investigator/project director, department chair or college dean, and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

The ORSP may seek clarification or ask for justification. In particularly sensitive cases, the ORSP may solicit additional documentation to ensure that the donor's/sponsor's intent is honored. Grants require submission of the *University Approval for Externally Sponsored Programs and Projects* form. Gifts of \$5,000 or more require the *University Approval for External Gifts* form. The Vice President of Advancement and Athletics may override signature requirements for some gifts, as justified in Section B of the *University Approval for External Gifts* form.

Definitions:

A gift is the voluntary, non-reciprocal transfer of money or property from a donor to an institution. The donor does not expect anything of value in return, other than recognition, and does not have control over expenditure. A gift may meet the interests of the donor and can be restricted or unrestricted. A restricted gift is a contribution designated for a specific purpose, program, or project. If the donor does not specify any restrictions, the gift is unrestricted and the institution allocates the funds at its own discretion.

In general, the following characteristics describe a gift: gifts may be accompanied by an agreement that restricts the use of the funds to a particular purpose, beyond that no contractual requirements are imposed. A gift is typically irrevocable. A gift may be intended for use within a certain timeframe, but there is usually no specified start or end dates. There is no formal fiscal accountability to the donor although periodic progress reports and summary reports of expenditures may be provided to the donor as a courtesy. Only the Vice President of Advancement and Athletics or the President may accept gifts on behalf of SRSU.

A grant is the transfer of money or property from a sponsor to an institution that requires the performance of specific duties such as research, budget reports, progress reports, and return of unused funds. Grants are externally funded activities in which a formal written agreement (grant, contract, cooperative agreement, etc.) is entered into by the institution and the sponsor.

In general, the following conditions characterize a grant: a statement of work, detailed financial accountability, and deliverables. A grant is intended for use within a certain timeframe with specified start and end dates. Any funding provided by government agencies at the federal, state, or local level is treated as a grant. Only the Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs or the President may accept grants on behalf of SRSU.

The factors below should be used to determine whether funding is a gift or grant. The presence of any single factor does not mean funding is specifically a gift or grant, rather all of these factors should be considered simultaneously. In cases where there is a question as to whether funding is a gift or grant, the Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs will make the final determination.

GIFT versus GRANT INDICATORS

FACTOR	GIFT INDICATOR	GRANT INDICATOR
Source	Philanthropy. Individuals. Non-Profit Organizations. Corporations. Foundations. Corporate Foundations. Other, e.g. Donor Advised Funds	Government Agencies. Non-Profit Organizations. Corporations. Foundations. Corporate Foundations. Industry.
Purpose	The donor may specify an area of interest or a goal to be funded with their gift.	The sponsor specifies how funds should be used and is outlined in supporting documentation. Usually includes deliverables.
Value Exchange	No implicit or explicit value is exchanged other than recognition. Tax information.	No implicit or explicit value is exchanged other than recognition and/or reporting.
Reporting	The institution has little or no obligation to report to the donor on how the gift is used or invested. Required reporting is limited to details of how, when, and to whom funds were disbursed as well as statements of earning when applicable. Donor does not audit spending of funds.	Technical and financial reporting. The sponsor requires performance of specific duties such as research, budget reports, progress reports, and return of unused funds. The sponsor can audit spending of funds. Usually includes a written agreement.
Proposal Process	Initiated by donors, advancement staff, or others.	Initiated by sponsor, faculty members, or others (working with the ORSP).
Document	Letter of Donation/Gift Agreement	Award letter and/or Grant Agreement
Deadline/Terms	Typically no time period is associated with the use of funds.	Typically requires a specific time period for conducting projects.
Excess Funds	N/A	May be required to return to sponsor and is specified in the grant agreement.
Penalty for non-performance	No penalties for failing to use the funds.	Penalties may exist for failing to use the funds or deliver items on a timely basis.
F&A rates*	None.	F&A rates may be applied.

*F&A (Facilities and Administrative) rates are also known as overhead or indirect costs. F&A rates are negotiated with the federal government through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Appendix II

University Approval for Externally Sponsored Programs and Projects form



UNIVERSITY APPROVAL FOR EXTERNALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Instructions: Fill out sections A – C and the budget details on page 2, then send this form along with the Request for Proposal/Program Guidelines, proposal narrative, budget, and budget justification by email to [the SRSU virtual grants team and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) at least **10 business days** prior to proposal submission.

Proposal/Application Submission Deadline:

Section A: General Information			
Applicant and Co-Applicant Information: (Principal Investigator/Project Director/Co-PI if applicable)			
Department(s)/Office(s) Involved:			
College(s)/Division(s) Involved:			
Program/Project Title:			
Brief Descriptive Summary:			
Name of Agency:			
Program Officer/Point of Contact:			
Email/Phone:			
CFDA# (if applicable):			
Proposed Begin Date:		Proposed End Date:	
Section B: Assurances, Protocols, and Special Requirements (attach protocols assurance documentation if applicable)			
			Protocol Approval Date:
1. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve research with Human Subjects .			
2. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve research with Live Animals .			
3. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve research with Hazardous Materials .			
4. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve research with Controlled Substances .			
5. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve university obligations BEYOND the effective funding period.			
6. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve remodeling. <i>If affirmative, has the Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction reviewed plans? Date:</i>			
7. This project <input type="checkbox"/> DOES <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT involve software/hardware/technological installation or support. <i>If affirmative, has the Assistant Vice President, Office of Information Technology reviewed plans? Date:</i>			
Section C: Budget Summary (provide details on page 2)			
Direct Cost	Indirect Cost	SRSU Cost Share	TOTAL PROJECT COST
			\$ 0.00
Section D: Signatures of Review and Approval			
The undersigned have reviewed and approve the attached scope of work and budget and assure university commitments stated in the scope of work will be dedicated toward fulfillment of the proposed project.			
1. Principal Investigator/Project Director	Date	4. Office of Research and Sponsored Programs	Date
2. Chair/Director	Date	5. VP for Finance/IT/University Services (**If Applicable)	Date
3. Dean/VP	Date	<i>**Requests for institutionalizing positions, physical construction, SRSU match or cost share will require additional approval and Executive Committee notification.</i>	

Budget Category	Requested from Source	Match/Cost Share	Total Project Cost	FOAPAL for matching funds	Authorized Acct. Manager Approval for Cost Share
PI/Faculty Salary			\$ 0.00		
Other Salary			\$ 0.00		
Fringe Benefits			\$ 0.00		
Travel			\$ 0.00		
Equipment (>\$5k)			\$ 0.00		
Supplies			\$ 0.00		
Participant Support			\$ 0.00		
Contractual/ Subawards			\$ 0.00		
Other (describe below)			\$ 0.00		
SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	**Unless otherwise limited by funding program guidelines, budget SRSU's F&A/Indirect Cost Recovery at 24.3% of Modified Total Direct Costs. If using an Indirect Rate other than 24.3%, please indicate the rate and justification in the comments section below.	
F&A/Indirect Cost Recovery Budgeted			\$ 0.00		
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
BUDGET COMMENTS: Provide specific information related to third party matching funds, local matching funds, and/or project-related fundraising. Attach additional pages if necessary.					
Proposal ID (Office of Research and Sponsored Programs use only):					

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