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Subject: Catalytic Investment on Research an Innovation Seed (CiRIS) Awardees

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the grant awardees of Academic Affairs' new *Catalytic Investment on Research and Innovation Seed (CiRIS) Program*. CiRIS launched at the beginning of this academic year with the goal of catalyzing scholarly activities likely to lead to external investments that would support future research. This program provides up to \$32,500 in seed funding per project for faculty to focus on their individual or collaborative research/creative/scholarly activities.

The first grant cycle was highly competitive, with more than 30 applications received. The funded projects are listed below. Please join me in congratulating the awardees.

- ***Revitalizing and Transforming Local News in California's Inland Empire***
Thomas Corrigan, Mariam Betlemidze, Gregory Gondwe, Lacey Kendall, Ece Algan, Mihaela Popescu, Stephanie Alfonso (M.A. student)
- ***Addressing Latinx substance use through a community health worker-led anti-discrimination intervention***
Angie Otiniano Verissimo
- ***Unraveling past responses in plats to climate change to predict their future***
Lua Lopez Perez
- ***Unraveling the Cretaceous Tectonic Evolution of the North American Mountain Belt in Southern California***
Susana Henriquez

Special thanks to the Office of Research Development for facilitating this process and to the Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Committee for evaluating the proposal submissions.

Sincerely,
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