

Request for Proposals: Leading the Change Collaboration Series

Leading the Change: the UC Santa Cruz Strategic Plan included recommendations for opportunities for the research community to come together and collaborate across disciplines and methodologies to further enhance UCSC's unique research strengths. To facilitate this recommendation, the Leading the Change Implementation Executive Committee requests proposals from faculty members interested in developing collaboration events that will provide opportunities for cross-disciplinary conversations and engagements. These proposals can be to strengthen nascent collaborations or meetings of long-standing collaborators seeking a new way to engage with one another. The ultimate goal of this series is to identify areas of research strength and convene the community publicly to explore research opportunities.

To qualify for consideration, proposals must be for singular events lasting at least two hours and include opportunities for all levels of our academic community to participate. Each event will be one part of the "Leading the Change Collaboration Series."

Successful proposals will result in funding and logistical support to host the event including on-campus space rentals, catering, and educational technology support. Event organizers will develop and lead the intellectual program for the event.

The Leading the Change Collaborative Series will run from Spring 2024 through Winter 2025. Each successful proposal will require a brief concluding report to be included in the Leading the Change annual report.

Proposal elements:

- Name of Collaboration Series Primary Contact
- Department of Event Primary Contact
- Division of Event Primary Contact
- Proposal title
- Proposed quarter for the event
- List co-organizers and/or participants
- Description of the topic and the major challenges to be addressed (500 words)
- Description of the expected outcomes of the event and how would the program be designed to reach the outcomes (500 words)
- How would you involve a range of disciplines in the event?
- How will the event include undergraduate and/or graduate students?
- Do you anticipate any additional budget needs beyond space rental, catering and educational technology costs? If so, please list with a justification.

Please complete the [linked proposal form](#) by 11:59 pm PST on February 2, 2024.

A mandatory final report describing the grant outcomes and expenditures will be submitted by July 1, 2025 to leadingthechange@ucsc.edu.

Proposal evaluation:

Proposals will be [evaluated](#) by the Office of Research and the Leading the Change Implementation Executive Committee. Committee member involvement in a proposal as a PI or participant will be considered a conflict of interest and will disqualify participation in the review panel. We anticipate the announcement of awards to be announced via e-mail during the week of February 26, 2024.

If you have any questions, please direct them leadingthechange@ucsc.edu.