



January 26, 2026

To: All Members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Padma Rangarajan, Chair
Committee on Research

Re: Call for 2026-2027 Omnibus Research and Travel Grant (RTA)

Overview:

Submission Deadline	April 10, 2026 - 5:00pm (No late applications considered)
Submission Link	https://senate.ucr.edu/rsenate/grants
Award Amount	Up to \$1000 (Variable, based on budget availability)
Report Deadline	September 1, 2028
Report Link	https://senate.ucr.edu/rsenate/grants/reports
Support Email	travis.gutierrez@ucr.edu , senate@ucr.edu

Purpose & Scope:

The Omnibus Grant (RTA) provides non-competitive funding to support the research and travel needs of Academic Senate faculty members. It is intended to facilitate scholarly research and travel to present new results.

Eligibility:

All members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate are eligible to apply.

Guidelines:

Please note the following guidelines:

- Funding Expiration: No expiration date. Funds can be carried over year to year.
- Multiple Applications: You may apply for One omnibus application and one non-omnibus application
 - Note: If awarded a non-omnibus of \$5,000 or more, then your omnibus application will not be awarded.

Application Requirements:

Complete the online form via R'Senate.

- Compliance Note: If your research activities take place under a compliance protocol (e.g., IRB, IACUC), you will be required to provide a protocol number and upload the related proposal narrative.
- Protocol Verification: The protocol number and proposal narrative must be verified by the appropriate research office before funds are transferred to the department.

Expense Guidelines & Limitations

This grant is flexible but has specific restrictions:

A. Travel:

- Allowed: Travel to scholarly meetings/conferences where you are formally presenting new research or creative activities.
 - i. Co-Authors: Allowed if a member of your UCR research group is presenting.
- Not Allowed: Travel for solely chairing a panel, organizing a session, or commenting on others' work.

B. Research:

- Allowed:
 - Field research or off-campus data collection (archives, museums, labs).
 - Research assistance and clerical assistance (if not provided by Dept).
 - Equipment (if not provided by University).
 - Intercampus recharges (only for project-specific off-campus facilities).
- Other Exceptions: (formerly COVID-19 Exceptions)
 - Online conference registration fees.
 - Guest speaker honorariums.
 - Child care (research-related).
 - Professional membership fees.
 - Survey data and archival data costs.

C. Prohibited Expenses:

- Salaries (Summer salary, course buy-outs).
- Unpaid leave periods.
- Repair/maintenance of equipment.
- Books/Periodicals (unless specifically justified).
- General supplies (normally provided by the department).
- Travel/subsistence at sabbatical headquarters.

Additional exceptions need to be approved by the committee chair. Email extension requests to travis.gutierrez@ucr.edu for review.

Reporting:

Recipients are required to submit a brief report describing how the funds were used. Reports are essential for the committee to justify future intramural funding.

- Note: Reporting is now facilitated by R'Senate Report Dashboard (January - 2026)

Funding Range: https://senate.ucr.edu/grants/funding_statistics

Review & Scoring Framework:

The combined Research and Travel application is no longer reviewed and scored.

- Note: Changed Service year 24-25