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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Wrigley Institute 2024 Faculty Innovation Research Awards

The USC Wrigley Institute for Environment and Sustainability is pleased to announce the call for applications to our 2024 *Faculty Innovation Research Awards*. Awards are offered up to \$50,000 each in support of USC faculty research that improves our knowledge about, or offers solutions for, global environmental and sustainability challenges.

The purpose of these awards is to provide funding for established or new and high-potential research activities by tenure-track and RTPC USC faculty members. Research themes should be aligned with the institute's three interdisciplinary and interrelated [Research Centers](#):

- **Earth & Environmental Systems:** Focused on the natural systems that combine to form our environment, the Earth and Environmental Systems center investigates phenomena and develops scientific insights about our changing planet.
- **Applied Environmental Solutions:** The Wrigley Institute's research and development hub for addressing sustainability challenges; projects in this center turn science into action by testing the feasibility of new ideas and determining how to convert them to workable practices and technology.
- **Social Transformation:** Drawing on methods and insights from the social and behavioral sciences, as well as from the arts and humanities, researchers in this center seek applied insights about how people think, what they believe or perceive, and how they behave.

For 2024, we are also proud to announce the launch of the Wrigley Institute's new [Climate and Carbon Initiative](#), an interdisciplinary program encompassing solutions-oriented research, high-impact experiential learning, and public engagement. One or more 2024 *Faculty Innovation Research Awards* will be funded by this new initiative; therefore, we particularly encourage applications that align with the themes outlined in the press release linked above.

Applicants can be either single investigators, or a collaborative team ( $\geq 2$ ) of investigators working within or across USC departments or colleges. Research funded under this program should yield scholarly publications and other forms of high-impact outreach during the 24 months that an award is held. Funds will be directly transferred into faculty research or departmental accounts and must be spent within 24 months of receipt. Allowable expenses include support for graduate students and/or post-doctoral fellows, equipment for collecting or analyzing data (excluding personal computers), and other direct research expenses. Funds may not be used for faculty salaries or conference travel. Awardees agree to provide short annual reports to the Wrigley Institute in Years 1 and 2 and to present their work at the institute's annual research symposium. Successful candidates will be identified as Wrigley Institute Affiliated Faculty Members. For more information, please contact Wrigley Institute Executive Director Jessica Dutton ([jmdutton@usc.edu](mailto:jmdutton@usc.edu)).

**To apply for a *Faculty Innovation Award*, please submit a research proposal through the Wrigley Institute's application portal at <https://dornsife-wrigley.usc.edu/research/faculty-innovation-awards/>.**

**DEADLINE: Proposals are due by May 31, 2024.**