The Institute for Practical Ethics (IPE) will consider proposals for the funding of conferences that fit IPE goals. Applications will support conferences completed in the current academic year (2022-23) or next (2023-24). Supported conferences are expected to be distinct from other faculty grants. Proposals will be evaluated according to their quality, relevance, and impact. Interdisciplinary projects are preferred, as are proposals that involve more than one faculty member, and which coalesce around a general theme. Examples of topical areas supported include – but are not limited to – social or ethical issues arising in big data and engineering, climate change, genetic engineering, clinical trials in medicine, biodiversity, nudging in healthcare, empirical investigations into ethics, and much more. Successful applicants must agree that the IPE will serve as the sole co-sponsor of the event and that the IPE Business Office will manage all administrative matters related to the event.

Eligibility. Applicants must be internal UC San Diego senate faculty and research scientists. Postdoctoral scholars and other academic employees are eligible to apply if a senate faculty member will serve as a co-applicant. Applicants who receive funding agree to become members of the IPE. Members agree to (a) have their names listed on the IPE website and (b) make an effort to attend three or more IPE events per academic year.

Project Size. IPE intends to offer two (2) awards of a maximum of $15,000 each. Successful applications will clearly demonstrate the relevance to the IPE’s mission.

Dates. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 18, 2022. Applicants will be notified by Friday, December 9, 2022.

How to Apply. Please send a two-page Project Description to ipe@ucsd.edu by Friday, November 18, 2022. This description should include:

- the names and affiliations of the proposing faculty or research scientists
- a 300-500 word executive summary of the conference, including proposed dates and speakers
- a brief explanation of how the conference will further IPE’s goals
- a short budget and budget justification

Award Process. After the review committee has made its decision, the IPE Business Office will issue an award letter and schedule a meeting to discuss the planning process for the conference.

Reporting Process. Submit a one-page report by June 30, 2024 of the conference’s progress. This report will be compiled as part of IPE’s annual submission to the Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the content will be used as part of the IPE Annual Report.

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