

Funding Report Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI) Spring 2012 through Spring 2014

SBSRI is a research support unit in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Established in 1984, SBSRI now offers a range of services for faculty and graduate students, primarily in SBS but a few across colleges. This report describes SBSRI's stewardship of the grants and professorships summarized in Table 1. The grants were funded by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Research (\$37,200/fiscal year), while the professorships were funded from SBS state accounts (\$21,000/fiscal year). The period covered here goes from January, 2012, through June, 2014. It begins when SBSRI was re-organized in response to the *Report of the Committee on the Future of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute* (submitted to Dean JP Jones on June 27, 2011). During those five semesters, Cecile McKee (Professor, Linguistics) was SBSRI's director, and Beth Stahmer was its Research Support Manager. Current GRA Vicki Moses (Anthropology) helped with the analyses here. The period ends when staff was again re-organized in order to elevate the college's research profile. SBSRI's Advisory Board during this period is given in Appendix 1.

Award types	Maximum award amounts
Pre-doctoral grant	\$500
Dissertation grant	\$1,000 (S12, F12, S13) or \$1500 (F13, S14)
Faculty small grant	\$1,500 (S12, F12, S13) or \$2,000 (F13, S14)
Professorship	\$6,500 (S12, F12) or \$7,000 (S13, F13, S14)

Table 1. Maximum award amounts for each type of SBSRI award

SBSRI made 92 awards during this report's period. Figure 1 shows the number of awards of each type by degree-granting units. Note that most student grants (blue sections) went to members of these units: Anthropology, Geography and Development, and Linguistics. The relevant units in SBS are listed in Appendix 2.

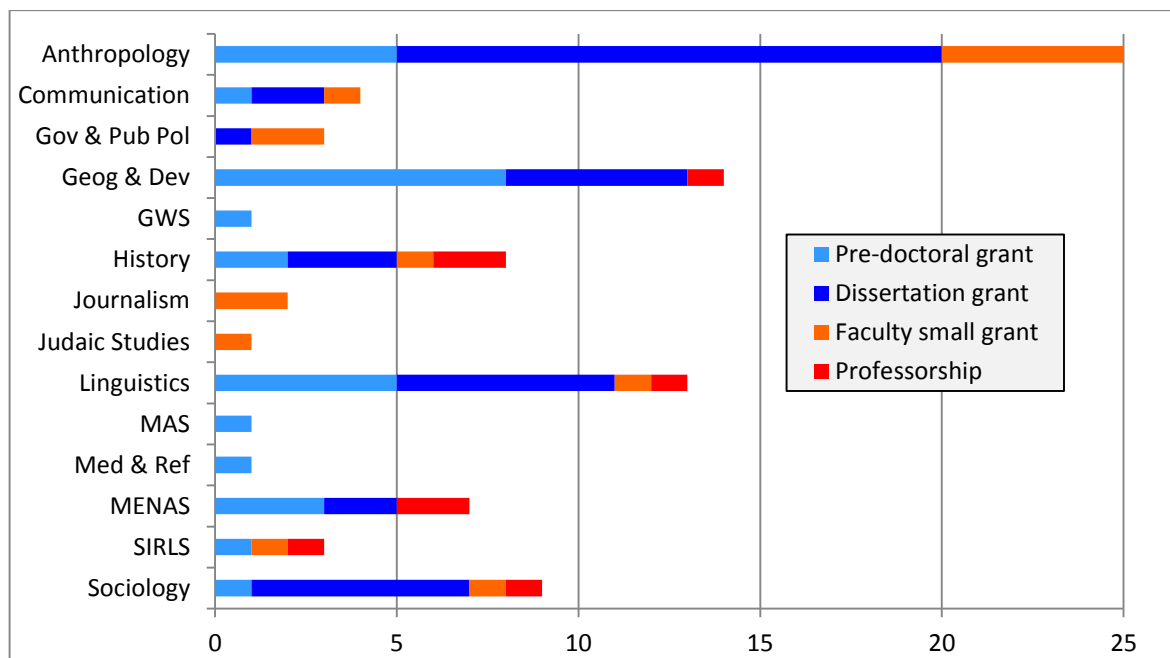


Figure 1. Number of awards by type across SBS's degree-granting units

SBSRI received 174 proposals during this report’s period. Figure 2 shows the number of proposals funded and not funded across award types. Note that the overall funding rate was 53%. The departments and schools in SBS varied widely in the number of proposals submitted. But the proposal submission rate corresponds closely to the percent of total funds received, never varying more than 7% between a unit’s proportion of total proposals submitted and proportion of total funding received. This supports our message that it pays to play.

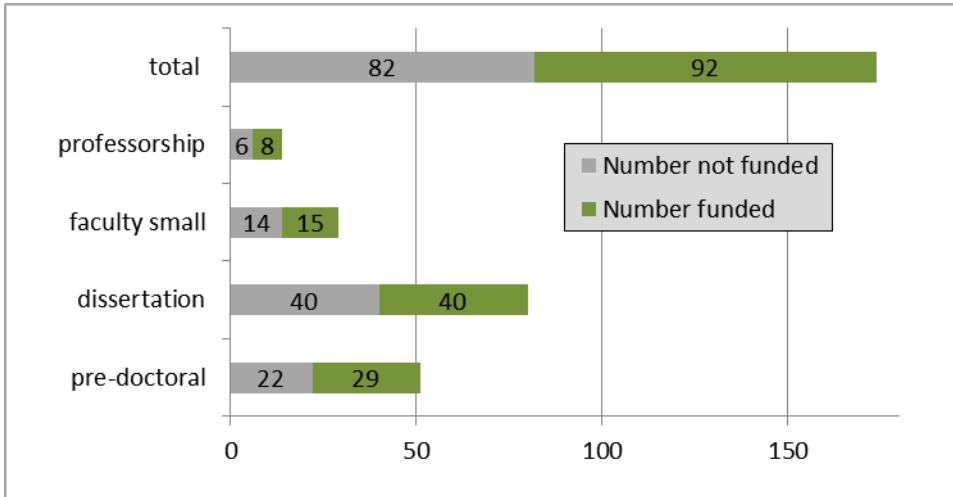


Figure 2. Number of funded and not funded proposals across SBS

We focus now on the amounts awarded in SBSRI’s grants (i.e., excluding the SBS-funded professorships). The total grant funding awarded during the review period was \$79,562. Figure 3 shows the amount received by each unit for pre-doctoral, dissertation, and faculty small grants together. Anthropology won the largest amount; Geography and Development, Linguistics, and Sociology comprise the next set, each receiving a little over \$9,000 during the reporting period. Recall that the grants range from \$500 to \$2,000 (see Table 1).

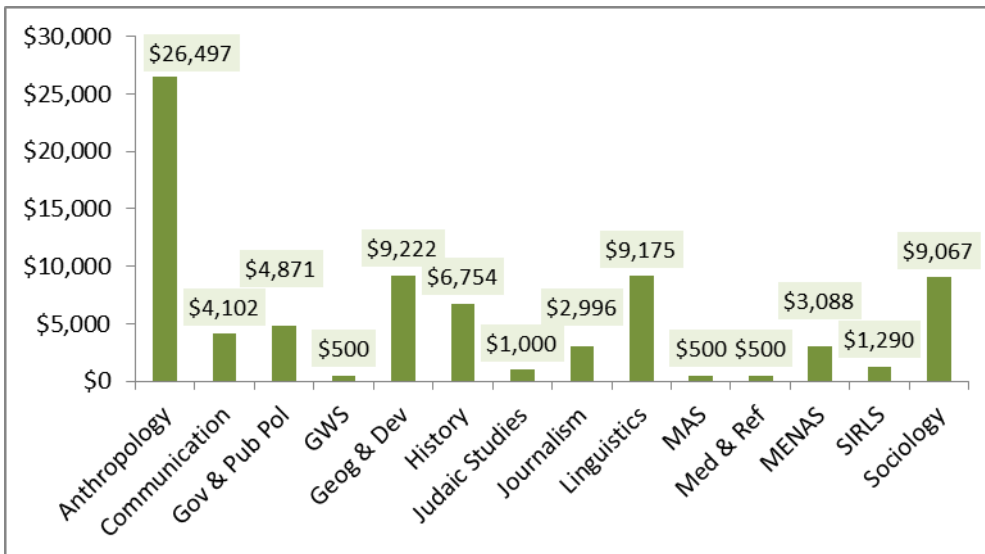


Figure 3. Awards made to SBS’s degree-granting units

An unfortunate misperception among faculty and students is that SBSRI favors quantitative research. We are concerned about this because the college includes research in very diverse fields that rely on both quantitative and qualitative methods. To address this, we studied the award abstracts during the report period and categorized each research project by whether its methods were quantitative, qualitative, or mixed. (Mixed method research was counted as .5 quantitative and .5 qualitative.) Figure 4 shows the results of that comparison. Strikingly, qualitative research was funded more than quantitative research. In total, 68% of the awards went to qualitative research, and 32% went to quantitative research.

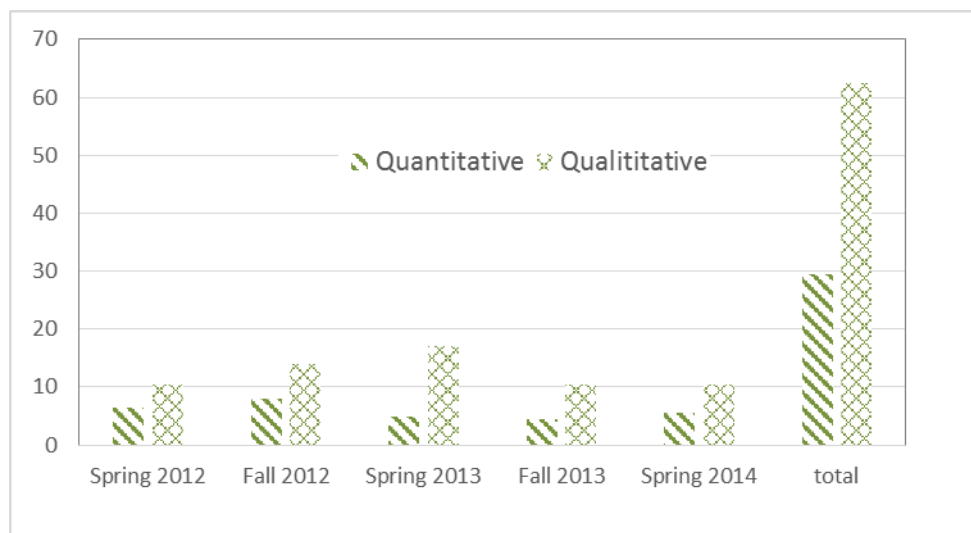


Figure 4. Number of awards using qualitative and quantitative research

Last, we address professorships. These awards fund course buy-outs to give faculty more research time at critical moments in a project’s duration. Professorships therefore require coordination with heads/directors to ensure that the unit’s teaching needs aren’t compromised. Related to that, these awards can be applied outside the fiscal year in which the proposal was funded. As noted in Table 1, the professorship amount in our first two semesters was \$6,500; this increased to \$7,000 thereafter. Table 2 lists the professors and units benefitting from these awards. Relevant to the misperception noted above, two units that lean qualitative fared well here (i.e., the Department of History and the School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies). The return on these professorships is still coming in, but reports to date and informal checking finds a variety of research products were clearly enhanced with these awards: These include various short and long publications, conference presentations, and proposals for external funding.

Proposal cycle	Name	Rank (at time of award)	Unit	Buy-out semester
Spring 2012	Nassar, Maha	Assistant Professor	MENAS	Fall 2012
Fall 2012	Pieper, Jadwiga	Associate Professor	History	Spring 2013
Spring 2013	Fallis, Don	Professor	SIRLS	Spring 2014
	Lanza, Fabio	Associate Professor	History	Fall 2013
Fall 2013	Aciksoz, Salih Can	Assistant Professor	MENAS	Fall 2014
	Sallaz, Jeffrey	Associate Professor	Sociology	Spring 2014
Spring 2014	Oglesby, Liz	Associate Professor	Geog & Dev	Fall 2014
	Wedel, Andy	Associate Professor	Linguistics	Fall 2014

Table 2. Professorships awarded Spring 2012 through Spring 2014

Appendix 1: Members of SBSRI's Advisory Board, Spring 2012 through Spring 2014

Name	Rank	Unit	Term
Jennifer Croissant	Associate Professor	Gender and Women's Studies	F12-S13
Wayne Decker	Professor	Geography and Development (Intl Studies)	F12-S13
Martha Few	Associate Professor	History	S12
Joe Galaskiewicz	Professor	Sociology	S12
Jake Harwood	Professor	Communication	F12-S14
Myiah Hutchens	Assistant Professor	Journalism	F12-S13
Sallie Marston	Professor	Geography and Development	S12
Dana Mastro	Associate Professor	Communication	S12
Craig Smith	Associate Professor	Government and Public Policy	S12-S14
Adam Ussishkin	Associate Professor	Linguistics	S12-S13
Margaret Wilder	Associate Professor	Geography and Development	S14

Appendix 2: Academic units in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Spring 2012 through Spring 2014

- [Arizona Center for Judaic Studies](#)
- [Center for Latin American Studies](#)
- [Department of Communication](#)
- [Department of Gender and Women's Studies](#)
- [Department of History](#)
- [Department of Linguistics](#)
- [Department of Mexican American Studies](#)
- [Department of Philosophy](#)
- [Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies](#)
- [School of Anthropology](#)
- [School of Geography and Development](#)
- [School of Government and Public Policy](#)
- [School of Information Resources and Library Sciences](#)
- [School of Journalism](#)
- [School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies](#)
- [School of Sociology](#)