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**From the Office of the Vice President of Research**

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**COVID-19 Rapid Respond Research Seed Funding**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact all parts of the U.S. and the world. Schools and businesses have closed or are conducting activities remotely and communities have had to implement strict quarantines. The impacts are being realized on the health of humans, social norms and the economy at all levels.

The Office of Research through the generous support of the Kay Family Foundation is making seed funding available for areas related to COVID-19 and using data to analyze its impact on health, society, the economy. All Chapman University faculty who are continuing full-time faculty during the 2019-2020 academic year are eligible. Examples of projects include (but are not limited to):

- Development of models to understand transmission and intervention impacts
- Use of data and analytics to enhance rapid testing
- Decision support related to prevention and control measures
- Study of human behavioral and health messaging
- Economic and business analysis

Research being proposed must be conducted within the current constraints of the University's campus closure and any federal and state mandates. **Grants will range from \$5,000 - \$15,000 and proposal will be due April 3, 2020.**

Please see the [COVID-19 Research Continuity](#) and [Internal Funding](#) websites for details.

**Research at Chapman Related to COVID-19**

As President Struppa noted in his campus message yesterday, we are hearing stories of our faculty getting involved in research and providing expertise in this global pandemic. Being a top-tier research institution does put us in a position to contribute to the global response. If you are involved in COVID-19 research, acting as an expert or providing consultation, please inform the Office of Research ([piechota@chapman.edu](mailto:piechota@chapman.edu)) or Strategic Marketing and Communications ([ezzel@chapman.edu](mailto:ezzel@chapman.edu)) so we can tell the story of Chapman's work and potentially connect with opportunities.