

SWOSU Faculty Selected for Proposal Development Awards

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Dr. Rickey Cothran

Dr. Siriporn Peters

Two faculty members at Southwestern Oklahoma State University have been awarded Proposal Development Awards to enhance, as well as increase, scholarly activity on the Weatherford campus.

Dr. Rickey Cothran of the Department of Biological Sciences and Dr. Siriporn Peters of the Department of Art, Communication, and Theatre will each receive \$6,000 to assist in the development of a proposal for external funding. The awards require the recipients to prepare their proposals for submission to an external agency by early next year.

Dr. Jason Johnson serves as chair of the University Research and Scholarly Activity Committee (URSAC). He said each year URSAC is charged with evaluating applications for Proposal Development Awards from a variety of disciplines across the campus. URSAC received twice as many outstanding submissions this year that were not able to be funded, forcing the committee to make some very difficult decisions.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer these awards to Dr. Cothran as he researches changes in ecosystems brought about by human-induced, nutrient variability, and to Dr. Peters for her efforts to digitally preserve the native cultures of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes,” Johnson said.

Johnson said SWOSU faculty involvement in scholarly activity continues to increase each year.