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Colleagues,

We are reaching out to share an exciting opportunity to support the future of Cal Poly Humboldt’s academic excellence through ERFSA’s Junior Faculty and Staff Grant Program. As you know, junior faculty and staff members are the lifeblood of our institution. However, early-career researchers often face significant challenges in securing funding for their groundbreaking projects. *This is where your support can make a transformative difference.*

The Grants Program is designed to provide vital funding to promising early-career faculty and staff members, allowing them to pursue their research, develop new curricula, and contribute to their fields in meaningful ways. By investing in these talented individuals, we not only empower their professional growth but also enhance the educational experiences of our students and the wider community.

The Humboldt-ERFSA Grant Program is only possible through *your donations* and the Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation investments of the funds.

Please make your donation directly to Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation.*\*You may donate online at [hafoundation.org/our-funds/hsu-emeritus-retired-faculty-association-fund](https://hafoundation.org/our-funds/hsu-emeritus-retired-faculty-association-fund) or send a check to the Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd, Bayside, CA 95524, (noting the Humboldt Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association Fund).* Your donation is tax deductible. **Our goal this year is to reach $10,000 in donations.**

\*If you are having any problems donating, please contact the Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation. You can reach their front desk at [(707) 442-2993](tel:7074422993) or email them at [info@hafoundation.org](mailto:info@hafoundation.org)  Business Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Friday. You may also contact Humboldt-ERFSA President Marshelle Thobaben at [mt1@humboldt.edu](mailto:mt1@humboldt.edu).

Your support is invaluable in shaping the future of our institution and ensuring that our junior faculty and staff have the resources they need to thrive. Together, we can create a vibrant academic environment that nurtures innovation and excellence.

Our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have already generously given your support to our Humboldt ERFSA Grant Program.

Warm Regards,

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