Let A Thousand Flowers Bloom

An Organic Funding Model To Cultivate Library Transformation

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Labor intensive & may take more time & resources, but more sustainable Avoid artificial stimulus, e.g., library admin picks winners

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... a man, who was grieved that his crop seedlings were not 助 growing faster, and so he pulled it up.

– Mencius, c. 300 BC

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Internal Seed Grant

- □ \$5-10K for 6-12 months
- Twice a year, always include a summer
- Equal partnership between campus researcher and library staff
- Must leverage library resource / expertise
- Open to all full-time academic employees, postdocs included

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Natural Growth: Lottery

□ Merit review → Scope review

- Small, agile projects
 With clear deliverables
 Not a writing competition
 Select through a lottery
 Funded 48 projects since
 Spring 2022, total \$325K
 32 unique library co-Pls, represent 21 unique areas of expertise
 60 unique academic co-Pls in 35 academic
 - departments in all 7 colleges

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Teaching & Learning	
1.8%	
Web Development	
3.5%	AI/Data Science
VetMed	14.0%
3.5%	
Undergrad Research	
3.5% Research Impact	Systematic Review
	10.5%
3.5% Oral History	
3.5%	Makerspace
Hiphop	7.0%
3.5%	3D/VR
Digitization	5.3%
3.5%	Bioinformatics
Data Management	5,3%
3.5%	Metadata
Agriculture	5,3%
3.5%	Podcasting
Social Science/Survey	5.3%
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Publishing	
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Outcomes

Eliminated status bias
1 book & many papers
1 publishing award
3 external grants
~ 300% ROI

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