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Good Afternoon Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce the seventh annual INNOVATE Awards for calendar year 2019. Since 2012 the awards have supported individual and multidisciplinary research and creative activities projects in diverse areas across throughout UAA including: Arts, Business, Education, Health Sciences, Humanities, Engineering, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. The recipients of previous INNOVATE Awards have achieved many successes which include: externally funded grants resulting in a 6:1 return on research investment, a proposal award success rate that is 2.5 times higher than the National Average; publications in peer reviewed journals; creation and staging of performances that have reached new and under-represented audiences; artistic works and books that challenge and stimulate the public to rethink concepts and phenomena; and patented technologies, devices, and methods. The previous recipients of INNOVATE awards are featured at [www.uaa.alaska.edu/innovate](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/innovate).

The purpose of the INNOVATE Awards is to inspire and encourage transformative and high-impact research, creative works, and innovation at UAA. The awards are expected to lead to novel scientific and engineering paradigms, creative achievements, publications, art works, exhibits, performances, intellectual property, and/or external grants. The awards are designed to encourage individual research as well as multi-departmental research teams. INNOVATE awards will provide an opportunity for mentorship of and research engagement for junior faculty.

The INNOVATE Awards will be made through a competitive process, and all tenured and tenure-track faculty and research professionals are encouraged to apply. Proposals from all disciplines are welcome. Please note that your department head and your Dean must sign your submission form.

Your completed submission forms and application packets are due on Friday, January 18, 2019, and must be submitted to [uaa\\_rgsassistant@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_rgsassistant@alaska.edu)

The proposal submission form, guidelines for submission, review criteria, and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/research/office-of-research-and-graduate-studies/opportunities-and-events/innovate-awards/innovate-application.cshtml>

Please feel free to contact the Interim Vice Provost for Research at [gkamberov@alaska.edu](mailto:gkamberov@alaska.edu) if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving many exciting proposals, and wish you every success.

Best regards,

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