Cornell Academics and Professors Emeriti (CAPE) is Now Accepting Applications for the 2024 Podell Endowment Awards for Research and Scholarship

CAPE is pleased to announce the 2024 Podell Endowment Awards for Research and Scholarship (PEARS) Program. Cornell Alumnus, Albert Podell ('58), generously endowed this Program. Applications may be submitted by any CAPE member. CAPE members include Emeriti; retired faculty and academics who did research, teaching, or extension; retired librarians, curators, archivists, etc.¹

The goal of the PEARS Program is to support research, scholarship, and outreach that can make the world a better place. PEARS projects must focus on work that will be useful to the world. Potential for widespread dissemination is also desirable. Projects can serve as a capstone to the applicant’s academic career. Proposal for new work in retirement are welcome as well.

Representative areas of study include (but are not limited to):

- Climate Change
- Racial Justice
- Migration & Immigration
- Enhancing the World’s Food Supply
- Energy Supply and Demand
- Keeping Communities Healthy
- Law and Conflict Resolution
- COVID-19
- Alleviation of Poverty
- Improving Health and Nutrition
- Improving Education
- Water and Land Resources
- Economic Well Being

Applications by CAPE members are welcome from all fields of study at Cornell. Hence, the above topics should be interpreted broadly, including their relation to the arts, humanities and social sciences. CAPE members may apply for support for work in collaboration with colleagues who are not retired. Award funds can be used for, among other things, technical or computational support, equipment, supplies, and essential travel. In previous years, grants have ranged from $2,000 to $11,000. For further information, please contact the CAPE Office cape@cornell.edu

Applications must be double-spaced, 12pt font, and no longer than five pages. They should include the following:

- Title of project
- Name and affiliation of the applicant
- Abstract that includes an explanation of how the proposed work will help make the world a better place. It should specify who will benefit from the work, how they will benefit, and how the results will be disseminated.
- Concise description of the proposed work and its significance
- Any collaborative arrangements
- Timeline for completion of the project
- Detailed budget for one year of support (renewals can be requested in a subsequent year)
- Any current and pending funding supporting the proposed project
- In addition, provide a brief (two pages maximum) selective CV with relevant publications and/or lectures. The CV may be single-spaced. Do NOT provide a full multi-page CV.
Applications that do not follow these guidelines may be rejected without consideration.

CAPE has established a PEARS Selection Committee to evaluate the applications and to make recommendations to the Dean of the Faculty, who will administer the funds through the grantee’s department. **Applications must be submitted by Monday, November 6, 2023.** They should be emailed as pdf files to cape@cornell.edu or via hard copy (for details contact the CAPE Office). The announcement of the PEARS awards will be made by January 2024.

If you have any questions, email or call the CAPE office: cape@cornell.edu (607) 255-6608.

1See CAPE Charter: https://theuniversityfaculty.cornell.edu/cape/about-cape/cape-charter/