INSTITUTE FOR PRACTICAL ETHICS GRANT PROGRAM
WORKING GROUP ON DATA ANALYTIC GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

2019-2020 Call for Proposals
Deadline: September 25, 2019

The Institute for Practical Ethics (IPE) at UC San Diego will consider proposals for funding of research projects that fit IPE goals. Applications will support projects completed in the upcoming academic year (2019-20) or next (2020-21). Supported projects are expected to be distinct from other faculty grants. Proposals will be evaluated according to their quality, relevance and impact.

This particular call is for projects in Data Analytic Governance and Accountability. The IPE is working collaboratively with the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute (HDSI). In general, relevant projects are any concerning data analytics, governance and accountability where the results will have implications for how the ethics or policies of this field are envisioned. Examples of important issues in this domain include: data privacy and security, algorithmic fairness and discrimination, the replacement of human discussion and deliberation with narrowly focused algorithmic decision making, the masking of human decision making with data analytic operations, the lack of transparency and interpretability of algorithmic processes, and the various unintended consequences of the deployment of new information technology for social ends. It is expected that recipients will participate in the Working Group comprised of faculty and PhD students, which will have events 2-3 times per quarter.

Successful applicants must agree to acknowledge IPE and HDSI support in all products arising from this funding.

Eligibility. Applicants must be internal UC San Diego faculty or research scientists. Applicants who receive funding agree to become Members of the IPE and the Working Group. Members agree to (a) have their names listed on the IPE website and (b) make an effort to attend Working Group events.

Project Size. To help fix expectations, please note that in the first round supported projects will receive modest funding of approximately $5000 or less in research expenses. At this time, IPE does not solicit applications to fund faculty salary or travel to academic conferences.
Dates. Applications will be accepted until September 25, 2019. Applicants will be notified by October 15, 2019.

How to Apply. Please send a two-page Project Description to ipe@ucsd.edu by September 25, 2019. This description should include:

- the names and affiliations of the proposing faculty or research scientists
- a 300-500 word executive summary of the project
- a brief explanation of how the project will further the aims of the Working Group
- a short budget and budget justification.

Award Process. After the review committee has made its decision, the IPE Business Office will contact the applicant’s home department to provide an index for spending.

Reporting Process. Submit a one-page report by October 15, 2020 of the project’s progress. This report will be compiled as part of IPE’s annual submission to the Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the content may be used as part of the IPE Annual Report. Substantive/intellectual questions can be addressed to Akos Rona-Tas (aronatas@ucsd.edu). Funding questions can be sent to ipe@ucsd.edu.