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Updates

- **[Provost's Investment Fund](#)**: We received 77 proposals this fall cycle for a total amount requested for two years: \$11,551,953. The committee is reviewing the proposals and will announce the awardees later this month.
- **UAGC**: Paul Pastorek is stepping down as Senior Vice President of UAGC. Dr. Gary Packard has been appointed as the Senior Vice Provost for Online Initiatives and will oversee UAGC, effective Monday, Dec. 4. In that role, Dr. Packard will oversee Arizona Online and UAGC. This alignment will ensure consistent strategic oversight and coordination of the University's online initiatives. Dr. Nicol Rae will serve as acting dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology.
- **NAI**: Dr. Jeremy Garcia has been appointed interim Assistant Vice Provost for Native American Initiatives. A search committee chaired by Dr. John Pollard has launched. The search is expected to be completed by the end of spring 2024.
- **Honors Search Update**: Open forums were completed on Friday, Nov. 17. The decision will be announced before the end of the semester.
- **Swanson Prize Recognition**: Five faculty members were recognized as this year's Gerald J. Swanson Prize awardees. They are Amy Graham, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Maria Bellocchio, College of Humanities; Darin Knapp, Norton School of Human Ecology's Family Studies, and Human Development Department; Patrick Baliani, W.A. Franke Honors College; and Susan Holland, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- **Honorary Degrees**: Nominations are due by Thursday, Dec. 7. Policy and procedures can be found at <https://facultyaffairs.arizona.edu/honorary-degrees>.