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Dear UNE Community,

I am pleased to announce funding decisions for the 2025 ORS Faculty Mini-grant program. This program is grounded by a faculty-driven peer review process, led by the UFA Research and Scholarship Committee. In this round we received 16 applications from across the university, totaling \$100,318 requested. The grant review team included UFA R&S committee members as well as ad hoc faculty reviewers who provide significant time and expertise to the review process. I am pleased to award 8 grants in this round, representing \$48,180 investment in faculty scholarly endeavors.

Please join me in congratulating the award recipients:

#### 2025-2026 UNE Mini-grant awardees

**Jennifer Brousseau (CAS)** *“Envisioning Climate Futures through Community Collagen Workshops”*

**Michelle Caputo (CAS)** *“Exploring Human-Wildlife Interconnectivity in the Caribbean – A Hands – On Approach to Research, Conservation and Professional Development”*

**Jennie Dapice (WCHP)** *“Canine-Assisted Intervention in Public School Settings: Policies and perspectives”*

**Markus Frederich (CAS)** *“Investigating coastal biodiversity across different water masses: Implementing and evaluating an eDNA-based approach”*

**Brian Greco (CAS)** *“Clear signaling protocols for laboratory zebrafish”*

**Golshan Madraki (COB)** *“A Practical Network-Based Framework for Planning and Risk Evaluation of Components of a Closed Loop Supply Chain Network”*

**Joann Moulton (WCHP)** *“Proposal to Test the Efficacy of a Disposable Aiming Device for Dental Bitewing Radiographs”*

**Patricia Thibodeau (CAS)** *“Physiologic Mechanisms of Copepod Responses to Climate Change”*

Sincerely,

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