

**CSU SSRIC Affinity Group Five-Year Plan  
Per the Chancellor’s Executive Order 1103 (August 19, 2015)**

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## Mission Statement

Founded in 1972, the Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) is the oldest of the disciplinary councils in the California State University system. With representatives from each of the CSU campuses, the Council is dedicated to assisting students and faculty in their learning, teaching, and research in the social sciences by:

- Facilitating access to social science data and computer-related instructional and research materials
- Offering opportunities for professional development of faculty, staff and students through teaching, research, scholarly and creative activities
- Promoting quantitative social science research by students via the annual SSRIC student research symposium
- Enhancing student learning by raising the academic experience of students through its online resources and database subscriptions
- Providing assistance to campuses in developing, initiating and conducting training programs
- Identifying and promulgating successful computerized social science projects in the CSU curriculum
- Supporting a forum for sharing information about social science data and computer products
- Advising CSU administrators on policies related to providing quantitative social science data for research and instruction
- Acting to represent the collective interests of the CSU campuses to external stakeholders on matters pertaining to social science research and instruction

## SSRIC Vision Statement

CSU SSRIC seeks to enable faculty and students to advance their knowledge and skills in social science by providing access to major database archival resources, by supporting state-of-the art research and instructional tools necessary to excel and maintain the best learning and teaching environments, and by enhancing faculty and student opportunities in their intellectual exploration of the social sciences.

## SSRIC Value Proposition

This value proposition defines what the CSU campuses, faculty, and students can expect from SSRIC, why its mission is important to the CSU, and above all, how SSRIC services and investments on behalf of CSU will better solve problems and enhance student learning, faculty instruction and research in the social sciences.\*

SSRIC is a systemwide council that represents the collective interests of social scientists within the CSU in promoting systemwide research, teaching, and collaboration in the social sciences and related disciplines.

- SSRIC provides faculty with “innovative” methodological tools, databases, and the applications of “new” qualitative and quantitative social science methods and techniques.
- SSRIC creates a larger university community (“Social Resources Network”) of social science scholars by promoting collaboration and sharing of methodological tools, training and teaching resources.
- SSRIC assists CSU faculty and their partners in their teaching development and their scholarly research potential thereby having a direct impact on student success.

\* The SSRIC Value Proposition is excerpted from the 2011-2015 SSRIC Strategic Plan prepared by Dr. A. C. Hyde, Advisory Consultant to Dr. Katherine Naff, SSRIC Chair (San Francisco State), and the SSRIC Executive Committee in June 2009.

## SSRIC Strategic Planning: Five-Year Plan for 2016-2021

### Five-Year Strategic Agenda 2016-2021

The five-year SSRIC strategic plan (2016-2021) has three major strategic goals. These goals focus on CSU faculty and students in the social sciences.

### SSRIC Operational Goals

The operational goals provide the foundation for SSRIC services and activities as related to social science research and instruction. The three goals include the following.

Goal I: Faculty Support - SSRIC supports CSU faculty in their professional research and instructional programs.

Goal II: Student Success - SSRIC supports CSU students in their social science studies.

Goal III: Faculty Support and Student Success - SSRIC provides students and faculty access to social science resources.

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		<b>EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>				
<b>Goal I: Faculty Support</b>	<b>ACTIVITY AND OUTCOMES</b>	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>Goal I: SSRIC supports CSU faculty in their professional research and instructional programs.</b>						
ACTIVITY: SSRIC organizes an annual membership of representatives drawn from its twenty-two (22) CSU campuses.*						
1.	Coordinates the selection of at least one (1) representative per participating campus (N=22) on SSRIC.	#	#	#	#	#
2.	Manages the access for the twenty-two CSU campuses subscribing to three (3) databases including ICPSR, California Field Polls and Roper Public Opinion.	#	#	#	#	#
3.	Updates its social science email distribution list used for communications with the twenty-two CSU campuses.	#	#	#	#	#
4.	Provides an analysis of database usage, including the number and volume of downloads, the number of online access visits, the number of faculty and student ICPSR accounts, and self-reported classroom uses of databases for instruction.	#	#	#	#	#
5.	Distributes an Annual Activity and Usage Report to the SSRIC Representatives and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Initiatives and Partnerships; and share this report with the twenty-two (22) campus presidents within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year.	#	#	#	#	#
* Data will be drawn from the period 2011-2015 and used as the baseline for comparisons.						

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Goal II: Student Success		EXPECTED OUTCOMES				
		2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>ACTIVITY AND OUTCOMES</b>						
<b>Goal II: SSRIC supports CSU students in their social science studies.</b>						
ACTIVITY: SSRIC supports opportunities for enhancing student success through its website and the Social Science Student Symposium (S <sup>4</sup> ).*		S <sup>4</sup> 41st	S <sup>4</sup> 42nd	S <sup>4</sup> 43rd	S <sup>4</sup> 44th	S <sup>4</sup> 45th
1.	Disseminates promotional messages to increase the number of visits to the SSRIC Website pages including the S <sup>4</sup> online registration.	#	#	#	#	#
2.	Solicits undergraduate and graduate student participation in the S <sup>4</sup> (30 to 60 presentations per symposium).	#	#	#	#	#
	Undergraduates	#	#	#	#	#
	Graduates	#	#	#	#	#
3.	Increase student usage of the databases among those who are S <sup>4</sup> presenters.	#	#	#	#	#
4.	Promotes student involvement in mentored research among those who are S <sup>4</sup> presenters.	#	#	#	#	#
5.	Promotes S <sup>4</sup> student presenters to publish their research findings.	#	#	#	#	#
6.	Increases number of faculty who participate/attend the S <sup>4</sup> .	#	#	#	#	#
* Data will be drawn from the period 2011-2015 and used as the baseline for comparisons.						

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		<b>EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>				
<b>Goal III: Faculty Support and Student Success</b>	<b>ACTIVITY AND OUTCOMES</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
<b>Goal III: SSRIC provides students and faculty access to social science resources.</b>						
ACTIVITY: SSRIC promotes the Social Science resources through its website, workshops, newsletters and direct email announcements and Social Science Student Symposium (S <sup>4</sup> ).						
1.	Update and advance the usage of the SSRIC Website.	#	#	#	#	#
2.	Update and further the online availability of teaching resources.	#	#	#	#	#
	Website YouTube	# #	# #	# #	# #	# #
3.	Provide at least three (3) training opportunities such as face-to-face, webinars, workshops and online programs.	#	#	#	#	#
4.	Publish the semi-annual SSRIC e-newsletter to SSRIC representatives, who forward the e-newsletter into their campus community.	#	#	#	#	#
5.	Publicize SSRIC services/activities and new survey/database offerings via email announcements (6 to 12 per year) to SSRIC representatives, who forward the messages into their campus community.	#	#	#	#	#
* Data will be drawn from the period 2011-2015 and used as the baseline for comparisons.						

## Suspension and Dissolution Guidelines

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### Guidelines:

1. The Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) or the CSU Chancellor can invoke the suspension or dissolution of the SSRIC as an Affinity Group under the following circumstances:
    - a. SSRIC is unable to sustain a majority of CSU campus representatives.
    - b. SSRIC is unable to remain in good standing by not meeting the requirements of Executive Order 1103 which includes the submission of an updated strategic plan every five years.
  2. The decision to suspend or terminate by the Council should involve a consultative process and agreement between the campus membership and other stakeholders in support of such action.
  3. If the CSU Chancellor decides to suspend or terminate the SSRIC as an Affinity Group, the Council will be provided a one-year (fiscal) advance notice.
  4. Within one month of the notification or Council decision, the Chair of the SSRIC will present a separation plan to the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Research, including a detailed justification for the temporary continuance of activities and the required funding necessary to meet outstanding obligations to ensure a controlled reduction in SSRIC activity towards suspension or dissolution.
  5. Consideration of reactivation of SSRIC following dissolution will require the submission of a new authorization proposal under Executive Order 1103 (August 19, 2015).
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## Guidelines for campuses to become unaffiliated to SSRIC

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### Guidelines:

1. A campus president or designee may suspend or dissolve their campus' participation in the SSRIC during the annual renewal period.
  2. The campus President or designee shall inform the SSRIC Chair of such action. A consultative process shall be initiated among CSU campus' members and other stakeholders as there is an immediate financial impact affecting the remaining campuses.
  3. Campuses that withdraw from SSRIC membership are exempt from paying contributions for the SSRIC database subscriptions and operations.
  4. Unaffiliated campuses forfeit all privileges and benefits related to S4 student participation and access to the database subscriptions.
  5. An unaffiliated campus can return to the SSRIC with full privileges and benefits during the annual renewal period – only after agreeing to share the cost of the SSRIC database subscriptions and operations.
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