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Here is the 2021 Professional Development Grants for Retirees report.

In 2021, only one PDGR application was received. This was from Professor Joanne Eicher of the College of Design. She was awarded $4,000 to pay for 80 color images in her book "Global Trade, Cultural Authentication, and the Kalabari of the Niger Delta". It was not clear why more applications were not received in this year's grant cycle but the global Covid-19 pandemic was probably a major factor.

The PDGR Program Announcement and Application Instructions for the 2022 cycle were recently completed and will be posted on the UMRA website. The PDGR Committee had a virtual meeting in May, 2021 and agreed that the total amount to be awarded next year would be $20,000 with the proviso that the total amount could be increased if there were numerous meritorious applications. Individual awards will not usually exceed $3,000 or, if they include a student mentee, $4,000. The Committee's focus now is on increasing financial support for the program and publicizing the program so as to increase applications.

PDGR Committee members are John Bantle (Chairman), Jan Hogan-Schiltgen, Dick Poppele, Jonathan Ravdin, Madelon Sprengnether, Barb Nemecek, Pieranna Garavaso, and Dennis Falk.

Please let me know if you need more information.

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