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Dear RFA Potential Podcast participants,

We are very excited we have made significant progress in developing this new RFA initiative. We have lined up 5 retired faculty. And we are looking for **more** of you! Yes, it will be an interview format. We will have the SMU journalism professor, Jacqueline Fellows, assign one of her students to format and conduct the interviews. These podcasts will be in Q & A format. And then we have 2 first year students in a special program (FYRE-[First Year Research Experience \(FYRE\) - SMU](#)) who will also be involved in these podcast productions. They were interviewed and selected by Paige Ware, our Deputy Provost. The **First-Year Research Experience (FYRE)** is a unique opportunity for a limited number of students to get involved in research right away.

For these podcasts, we think they will be no more than about 12-15 minutes. The Journalism Department will provide all the technology for developing and recording podcasts. So, yes, we are moving forward!

If you are interested in being interviewed for a podcast, please answer the following prompts and send back via email to me: lromejko@smu.edu

- Name, email, phone number, physical address, degrees earned, years at SMU, department, courses taught, area of research, areas of interest, university involvement, topics of interest to discuss.
- Do you like podcasts?
- Do you have a favorite podcast you listen to regularly?
- What would you like to talk about?
- Consider these possible areas: current issues, connecting to our possible audience- current faculty, reflecting on your history at SMU, and is what you want to talk about relevant today.
- Can you give me a podcast title for your podcast session?
- What is one question that you think is most important for you to be asked in your interview?

Huge thanks,

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