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Thompson Center on Public Leadership Announces Awards for Faculty Research and Statewide Speakers

MADISON— Embracing “the Wisconsin Idea,” the [Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership](#) has voted to award nearly \$500,000 to UW System faculty and researchers on three general topics: 1) prison to work initiatives, 2) the future of transportation in Wisconsin, and 3) bipartisan leadership practice.

“We were very pleased with the response to our request for proposals,” noted Thompson Center Director, Ryan Owens. “UW System faculty are among the best and brightest in their fields, and their grant proposals reflect that. Together, we will help policymakers as they seek to move Wisconsin forward.”

The Thompson Center also awarded nearly \$100,000 in speaker grants in its first round of applications for “Thompson Talks.” These talks are intended to bring in major figures from across the country to UW System campuses. The first round of Thompson Talks will be held this academic year on topics ranging from renewing civic life in America to the economic rationale for clean energy. Speakers will deliver their talks at UW-Green Bay, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Superior. The Center will soon invite additional speakers at other universities as well.

UW System campuses interested in submitting an application for second round speaker awards may do so by the next application deadline of March 1. The Center plans to call for another round of faculty grant proposals in May.

The Center will hold free (and open to the public) conferences on Leadership (Madison - November 30); Second Chances and Prisoner Re-entry (Madison - March 7); and the Future of Transportation (Milwaukee - April 26).

For more details on upcoming events and proposal deadlines, please visit the Thompson Center website at <https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu>

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