

Humanities Center Research Grants

The College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies have provided additional funding to the Humanities Center for research grants in the Humanities.

Thanks to funding from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, the Humanities Center is seeking proposals for research grants (maximum amount of \$4,000). The objective of the grants is twofold: 1) to strengthen the intellectual community of Lehigh's scholars in the humanities and 2) to support faculty pursuing humanistic research projects or creative activities. Proposals must include a detailed plan for how the candidate will contribute to the community and to the profile of the humanities at Lehigh.

The HC offers two different kinds of grants:

1. **INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS**

Eligibility: All tenure and tenure-track faculty in the Humanities are eligible to apply. These grants are designed for faculty in the early stage of a project, to fund preliminary research that will strengthen applications for outside funding. Humanities Research Grants can be used for travel and to supplement a current Faculty Research Grant or Mellon Digital Humanities Initiative grant provided there is no duplication in budget and research activities are specific to each program. Humanities Center grants may not be used for the acquisition of materials that Lehigh can buy or borrow from other institutions.

Maximum grant: \$4,000

Use of funds: The grant is awarded as a **reimbursement** not a stipend or a salary. Reimbursement policy for all grants: grantees will be reimbursed after their expenses and are responsible for any amounts that surpass what the HC has pledged.

Guidelines for proposals (maximum of 700 words)

- 1.1. Describe the specific research project. Proposals should make clear the project's potential to make a significant contribution to the applicant's field and to enhance his/her professional career. Proposals should also detail what outside grant programs the applicant will target, when s/he plans to submit to those grant programs, and how funding at this stage will strengthen those applications.
- 1.2. Provide an itemized budget that explains how the funding is important for the research project. If the award is to supplement an existing FRG, please provide an overall budget with an itemized breakdown of costs that will be reimbursed by each funding program. One question that the review committee will ask is whether the project would be possible without funding through the Humanities Center grant.

- 1.3. State whether this project has received any other financial support from internal or external sources and whether you have applied for any other financial support for this project during the current funding cycle.

We encourage applicants to meet with Kate Bullard in the Office of Research for information about external grant programs that might be appropriate.

Recipients of individual research grants agree to share the results of their research with members of the Lehigh community, through a brown bag lecture/discussion in the Humanities Center. Recipients of individual research grants agree to submit a brief written report about the results of their research to the Humanities Center and to update the Humanities Center about submission of grant applications with outside funding agencies.

2. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS.

Eligibility: All tenure and tenure-track faculty in the Humanities are eligible to apply. These grants are intended to ignite our community by providing collaborative research opportunities to all faculty pursuing humanistic inquiry. The faculty member leading the proposal must be in a humanities department, and we particularly encourage collaborative projects between faculty inside and outside the humanities. Faculty are encouraged to present collaborative proposals whose main objective is to build new models for sharing and disseminating research related to the humanities. Projects that develop out of the Humanities Center's current seminar series or that aim to develop a seminar series for the next academic year will receive special consideration.

Maximum grant: \$4,000

Guidelines for proposals (maximum of 700 words)

- 2.1. Explain the project, its goals, and its significance. If the project involves guests, please include their information and the relevance of their work.
- 2.2. Provide names and department affiliation of all faculty involved in the project.
- 2.3. Specify the individual and collective impact of their proposed research activity.
- 2.4. If the amount of funding needed for the activity surpasses the limits of the award, include evidence of application to other funding sources for the activity.
- 2.5. Time line for the project: The candidates need to take into consideration that the awards will be announced in November 2016 when planning their projects. The candidates may propose a project or activity that will take place during Spring or Fall 2017.

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* The Humanities Center will consider funding creative proposals that focus on: 1) the theoretical and conceptual development behind a creative project , or 2) the theoretical and conceptual development behind the implementation, exhibition, or performance of a creative project. In either case, make clear the value of the project and/or its performance to the humanities, in particular. The successful proposal not only will help the artist develop his/her project, but also will contribute to create meaningful conversations between the arts and the humanities at Lehigh.

REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSALS:

Proposals will be evaluated and recommendations made to the Director by a subcommittee the Humanities Center's Advisory Board.

DEADLINES:

Please submit electronic application to: inhum@lehigh.edu

Application Deadline: **Friday, October 14th, 2016**

For more information, please contact Suzanne Edwards at sme6@lehigh.edu.