2015-16 Humanities Collaborative Research Award

Information for Proposers

The Center for Ideas and Society is an interdisciplinary research center dedicated to advancing humanistic studies and creativity at UC Riverside. The Center's fellowships, research workshops, and public events strengthen the intellectual and creative life of the university. We are also committed to disseminating the results of our programs to the Riverside community and beyond. We are especially interested in fostering inquiry from multiple perspectives and disciplines and in furthering more robust and nuanced understandings of topics than is frequently possible within traditional disciplinary vocabularies, categories, and self-descriptions.

Award Amounts: Proposals can receive a maximum of $500. Additional funding sources will be factored into the evaluation process. Final awards are contingent upon available funding.

Award Details

The Center for Ideas and Society invites proposals from all UCR graduate students for its new Humanities Collaborative Research Awards. Project format and focus are open but should be designed to support collaborative and interdisciplinary engagement among graduate students. The awards may, for example, be used to host a workshop or reading group, to produce a graduate student conference, or to foster cross-college and cross-school collaborations among fellow graduates.

Administrative and event support will be provided by the Center for Ideas and Society and, where possible, projects should utilize Center facilities and meeting spaces. Travel and expenses related to dissertation research, tuition, fees, GHSIP and technological support are not covered by this award. No more than one-third of the award may be used for event catering.

Proposal Preparation

The proposal must contain the following elements:

- Project Title and a brief abstract (up to 250 words)
- A narrative that provides an overview of the project’s goals and objectives and that demonstrates the interdisciplinary and/or collaborative elements of the project.
- A list of organizers and participants with short CVs (2 pages)
- A budget of estimated expenses, including any co-sponsorships or additional funding (pending or received)
Guidelines for the Evaluation of Proposals

Project Focus
- The importance and clarity of the questions, issues or problems the project seeks to address.
- The capacity of the project to enhance or develop insights into or an understanding of these questions, issues or problems.
- The extent to which the project has appropriately taken account of existing research and scholarship.
- The appropriateness, effectiveness and feasibility of the proposed approach or research methods.

Participants
- The ability of the participants to complete or make headway on the project.
- The inclusion of opportunities in the project for junior and less senior faculty.

Management
- The clarity of lines of responsibility and accountability.
- The inclusion of a realistic timetable that includes milestones.

Value
- The relationship between the funds sought and the significance and quality of the projected results of the project.

Dissemination and Impact
- The appropriateness and effectiveness of the proposed dissemination methods.
- The amount of attention to possible beneficiaries of the project and to ways of engaging with them.

Application Deadlines and Procedures

Awards are made based on the recommendation of the CIS Advisory Committee. Successful applicants will be asked to report on their activities at the end of the project period.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, March 2, 2015. All proposals must be submitted in PDF format as one document ELECTRONICALLY to Renee DeGuire @ renee.deguire@ucr.edu.

For further information, please call the Center at (951) 827-1556.