



# Mellon Humanities Grant

*Investing in the Future of Humanities at UC Riverside*

## Mellon Term Professorships

### Call for Proposals

The Mellon Humanities Grant at the UCR Center for Ideas and Society seeks to enrich research and collegiality in the humanities at the University of California, Riverside by supporting the development and promotion of projects of the highest merit and significance.

#### *Award Overview*

The Center for Ideas and Society invites applications from faculty of all ranks in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences pursuing research in the humanities.

For 2019-20, the program will award two (2) Mellon Term Professorships. Each Professorship allocates funds to offset four (4) course releases (over one academic year) and provides \$2850 in research monies to be used for manuscript preparation, research assistance, subvention requests and/or travel to conferences and short-term visits to research sites or other universities. Recipients will devote their Professorship year to research and writing at the Center for Ideas and Society and will participate in fellowship meetings and events. During their tenure, awardees are required to maintain a substantial presence at the Center of at least three days per week.

The ultimate goal of the proposed project should be a significant piece of scholarly work by the applicant, which can take the form of a book, articles, digital publication(s), critical editions, or the like. The grant does not support projects in creative writing, fine arts or performance, or projects that are primarily quantitative or experimental in scope. For further clarification on eligibility, contact Georgia Warnke at [georgia.warnke@ucr.edu](mailto:georgia.warnke@ucr.edu).

In addition to completion of the proposed project, awardees will contribute to the Center's scholarly community by providing feedback on peer work at monthly lunches, serving as occasional interlocutors with Center speakers, guests and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows, and presenting a research lecture or talk at the end of the award period.

**Applications and letters of support must be submitted through the Center's online application by 11:00 p.m. PST on February 4, 2019. Application link: <https://ideasandsociety.wufoo.com/forms/ucr-cis-mellon-humanities-grant-application/>**

Notifications of award will be sent via email by early March 2019.

## *Application Requirements*

1. Applicants must complete the online information form at <https://ideasandsociety.wufoo.com/forms/ucr-cis-mellon-humanities-grant-application/> and attach PDFs of the following:

- Proposal (no more than three pages, single spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font)
- CV/Publications list (no more than two pages), with 3 most significant publications highlighted
- List of recent fellowships and research funding you have received from external sources, UCR and/or CIS within the last 3 years
- Project Bibliography (no more than two pages)
- Evidence of having also applied for at least one externally funded grant that includes teaching releases for the 2019-20 academic year.\*

## *2. Letters of Reference and Support*

Letters of reference must be submitted by the writers to [cis@ucr.edu](mailto:cis@ucr.edu) (in PDF format only.) The email subject line should read: Mellon Humanities/*applicant's name*.

A total of THREE letters are required:

- Two letters of reference (at least one of which should be from a non-UCR source) should address the significance of the proposed research to the applicant's field, to the department or college, and to the future of humanities at UC Riverside. Letters should also assess the applicant's ability to complete the project as proposed.
- An additional letter from the chair of the applicant's home department should address the quality and impact of the project and indicate approval of the teaching releases.

## *Evaluation Criteria*

The Center for Ideas and Society's Advisory Committee will evaluate all eligible proposals on the following criteria:

- The potential of the project to significantly advance the field of study in which it is proposed.
- The quality of the proposal in terms of its methodology, scope, theoretical framework, and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature.
- The feasibility of the project and the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project within the award period.
- The scholarly record and career trajectory of the applicant.

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\*Faculty who apply for Mellon Term Professorship but instead receive external fellowships will be entitled to an office at the Center for Ideas and Society as "CIS Term Professors" and will form part of the Center's scholarly community.