



Mellon Humanities Grant

Investing in the Future of Humanities at UC Riverside

Mellon Second-Project Fellowships

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 Assistant and Associate Professors in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences who have begun work on a second humanities project over and above their tenure work.

In 2019-20, the program will award two (2) Mellon Second-Project Fellowships. Each Fellowship 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. Some portion of these funds may also be used for a manuscript “(re)Draft Session,” in which invited external scholars will comment on a Fellow’s work in progress and provide recommendations for moving it forward. Recipients will devote their Fellowship 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.

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 and serving as occasional interlocutors with Center speakers, guests and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows.

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)
- 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 completed a first research project and of making some progress on a second research project in the form of drafts of the project and publications and/or papers given.
- Evidence of having also applied for at least one externally funded grant that includes teaching releases for the 2019-20 academic year.*

2. Letter of Reference and Support

Letters of reference must be submitted by the writers to 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.

*Faculty who apply for Mellon Second-Project Fellowship but instead receive external fellowships will be entitled to an office at the Center for Ideas and Society as "CIS Second-Project Fellows" and will form part of the Center's scholarly community.