

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.

The Humanities Center is seeking proposals for research grants (maximum amount of \$3,000). 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. All proposals must include a detailed plan of how the candidate will contribute to the community and to the visibility and 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 especially for faculty who have no external or internal financial support for research (i.e. tenured professors with no endowed positions). Faculty pursuing humanistic research can apply for funding to support research projects not currently funded by start-up research funding, projects that extend the work previously funded by a Faculty Research Grant (FRG), or projects that are unlikely to receive funding from other internal or external sources. Humanities Research Grants can be used for travel and to supplement a current Faculty Research Grant provided there is no duplication in budget and specific research activities are specific to each program. Humanities Center grants may not be used for acquisition of materials that Lehigh can buy or borrow from other institutions.

Maximum grant: \$3,000

Use of funds: 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. The candidate shall explain the specific research project for which he/she seeks funding. Proposals should make clear the potential to make a significant contribution to the applicant's field and to enhance his/her professional career.
- 1.2. Equally important in the proposed project is that the candidate addresses those activities that focus on strengthening our scholarly community. Candidates are urged to think outside the box (a

presentation about the candidate's research is always welcome, but creativity when thinking about other ways to build intellectual community is encouraged). Proposals that emphasize community building and have the potential to enhance the visibility of the humanities at Lehigh will be given priority.

- 1.3. The candidate shall provide an itemized budget and the budget should be appropriate to the work. The candidate shall explain in specific terms how funding will help crystallize his/her 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.
- 1.4. The candidate shall state whether this project has received any other financial support from internal or external sources.

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 shall be in a humanities department; other participants may belong to any department at Lehigh. Faculty are encouraged to present collaborative proposals whose main objective is to create fluid and agile research groups. Creativity and exploration of new models for sharing research and learning through conversation and interaction are encouraged (i.e. proposals for bringing scholars to Lehigh to conduct seminars on specific topics NOT necessarily related to the HC's theme of the year and that are interdisciplinary in approach).

Maximum grant: \$3,000

Guidelines for proposals (maximum of 700 words)

- 2.1. Candidates shall explain the project, its goals, and its significance. If the project involves guests, their information and the relevance of their work for the candidates should be included.
- 2.2. Names and department affiliation of all faculty involved in the project should be provided.
- 2.3. Candidates should be very specific about the individual and collective impact of their proposed research activity.

2.4. If the candidates foresee that the amount of funding needed for the activity surpasses the limits of the award, he/she should provide a list of other funding sources. It is encouraged that the candidate secures those sources before applying for the HC grant.

2.5. Time line for the project: The candidates need to take into consideration that the awards will be announced by October 17th when planning their projects. Because of this first year's time restrictions, the candidates may propose a project or activity that will take place in Spring 2012.

Use of funds: 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.

REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSALS:

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

DEADLINES:

October 3, 2011: All applications must be received by 9:00 am. Send an electronic copy to sus3@lehigh.edu

October 17, 2011: Awards will be announced