University of Oregon
Office of Research & Innovation
2017 Interdisciplinary Awards in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the University of Oregon Foundation, the Vice President for Research and Innovation is delighted to offer a new award program targeted to humanities and social science scholars and researchers.

For the 2017 and 2018 award cycles, the Interdisciplinary Awards in the Humanities and Social Sciences will support interdisciplinary projects in the **environmental humanities and social sciences**. We are seeking innovative projects that investigate the interrelationships between human activity and the environment and that employ humanistic and social scientific modes of investigation.

Applicants must clearly and convincingly demonstrate that the proposed project represents a research direction that has high potential as a "seed" project that will be competitive for external funding over the longer term.

Research proposals must engage collaborative partnerships between at least two distinct programs, departments, or schools. The principal investigator must be a humanist or social scientist who is a faculty member at the University of Oregon, although collaborators may represent the methods and perspectives of the natural sciences and may involve researchers from external institutions who bring unique assets and strengths to the project.

Criteria for Selection

Preference will be given to proposals that:
1. **Are poised to make significant contributions to the environmental humanities and social sciences**
2. **Build and strengthen interdisciplinary research partnerships that reflect UO's unique strengths and assets in the environmental humanities and social sciences**
3 **Have strong potential and a well-articulated plan to attract external funding**

Scope of the Award / Use of Funds

Interdisciplinary Awards in the Humanities and Social Sciences provide up to $25,000 in funding to seed a successful project and to support the preparatory work necessary to develop a competitive external funding proposal.

The award supports expenses over a period that may not exceed 24 months from time of award. We anticipate making three awards in the 2017 award cycle.

Funds may be used for allowable costs necessary to plan the research project, including convening project collaborators, to generate or acquire pilot data or conduct proof –of-concept analysis, for instructional release / course buy outs, for summer stipend, for salary to support the project efforts of graduate and undergraduate students and/or external personnel under the supervision of project investigators, and for travel, workshops or consultation.

Applicants must identify at least one or more external source(s) of funding and specify a timeline for a proposal submission that will be pursued as a result of an award from the Interdisciplinary Awards in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Examples of external sources of funding include the National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Grant and Digital Humanities Advancement Grant programs, The American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowships, and the National Science Foundation's Science, Technology and Society program.

Recipients are expected to actively pursue external funding and to submit a proposal for external funding as described in the timeline within 24 months of receipt of an Interdisciplinary Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Timeline

Proposals are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 6, 2017. Notification of awards will take place in April. Projects should begin no earlier than July 1, 2017. Final reports are due by July 31, 2019.

Eligibility

Faculty members with the rank of Assistant Professor or above OR non-tenure-track faculty who hold a full time Research Associate/Senior Research Associate or any rank of the Research Professor appointment (1.0 FTE) and will hold a UO

appointment during the academic year of the research award. Emeritus, Courtesy, Visiting, Instructor and adjunct appointee ranks are ineligible.

Only one proposal per applicant will be accepted in any application cycle. Faculty members may submit only ONE application as principal investigator, but may serve as a collaborator on other proposals.

Successful applicants are ineligible to compete as principal investigators in future award cycles for three years following a funded proposal, although they may serve as collaborators on additional proposals which are submitted during that time frame.

A lead investigator for the Interdisciplinary Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences will not be considered for the Incubating Interdisciplinary Initiatives (I 3) program in the same award cycle, nor may the same lead investigator submit different proposals to both programs in the same award cycle.

Review Process

Proposals must have a clear plan of action regarding external source(s) of funding and a timeline for proposal submission.

All applications will be reviewed by faculty reviewers, who will make recommendations to the Vice President for Research & Innovation. Final determination of funding will be made by the Vice President for Research & Innovation.

Application

The deadline for submission is **Monday, February 6, 2017, at 5:00 pm**.

Electronic submission of proposals is required. Paper applications will <u>not</u> be accepted.

Please send your application in one document, formatted as a PDF or Word document (PDF preferred).

Use Times New Roman font in 11 point or larger and 1" margins.

Complete the [PDF cover sheet](#) and include it with your application.

Send to rds@uoregon.edu, using the subject line Application for 2017 Interdisciplinary Award for the Social Sciences and Humanities

Proposal Components

1. Abstract, appropriate for a broad, non-technical audience (250 word limit)
2. Proposal that describes the intellectual merit of the project and its potential for external funding (3 pages). Include the following elements:
   a. Introduction
      i. Provide a background or rationale for the project, including significance
      ii. Identify current status of the research at UO, including programmatic strengths, competitiveness for funding, and milestones or outcomes
      iii. Describe project's longer-term goals and shorter term objectives
   b. Timeline for submission of external funding proposal
      i. Identify external funding agency and program and submission deadlines, including a description of how this project fits into the applicant's long term plan for program development
      ii. Describe the fit between the proposed project and external funding priorities/ opportunities
   c. Proposed Plan
      i. Describe project's expected outcomes
      ii. Describe project methodology
      iii. Identify specific research or scholarly activities to which funds will be applied and how these investments will enhance the competitiveness of the project for external funding
      iv. Specifically describe:
         1. The interdisciplinary collaboration
         2. How the proposal topic aligns with specific external funding opportunities
         3. How funding from the Interdisciplinary Award for the Social Sciences and Humanities program will enable the team to successfully obtain future external support
3. References; limited to 1 additional page
4 Biographical sketch or CV for all faculty involved in the project (limited to 2 pages for each faculty member).

5. Current and pending support: list yearly direct funds for each grant; include any awards you have received from the University of Oregon.

6. Budget and budget justification (1-2 pages)

7. Letter of support from Department Head/Center or Institute Director and/or Dean(s) describing how the application supports the unit/college mission/goals and detailing/authorizing the commitment (if any) for matching support designated for the project.

Reporting

A final report is required and due to Research Development Services no later than one month (30 days) after the conclusion of funding.

Further Information

Questions about the Interdisciplinary Award for the Social Sciences and Humanities program, application, or submission process may be directed to Lynn Stearney, Director of Research Development Services, stearney@uoregon.edu, 346-8308.