2020-2021 ARHU Faculty Funds Competition
SPECIAL INNOVATION GRANT CALL: RACE, EQUITY AND JUSTICE

*ALERT: In light of the current travel ban and budget cuts due to COVID-19, we are postponing Conference Grants until further notice.

The College of Arts and Humanities announces 2020-2021 Faculty Funds Competition Call for Proposals. This fall will be different than years’ past, as ARHU will only be offering subvention funds and a special purpose fund. Deadline for applications is 5 pm, Friday, October 16, 2020. Examples of past funded proposals can be found in the ARHU Proposal Library. Both TTK and PTK faculty are eligible for both sources of funding described below.

**Special Innovation Grant Call:** The Dean has approved a special purpose for the Innovation Grants for this fall, as part of the new ARHU campaign to address racism, equity and justice. Up to $5,000 will be awarded for projects that support a faculty’s individual, creative, or research success in their field and that address racism, equity and/or social justice. Work proposed can be ongoing efforts in these areas that address a new idea, or pilot projects. Successful applications must demonstrate: 1) how the project meets the faculty member’s professional advancement at UMD; 2) how the project directly connects to equity, racism, or justice; and 3) how the work contributes to the faculty member’s larger field of study. Funds are intended for expenses such as hiring assistants, studio or rehearsal costs, materials, participant incentives, and archives. No travel expenses will be allowed. Priority will be given projects that advance promotion goals.

**Subvention Funds:** Funds can cover costs required by a publisher that are assigned to faculty, such as reproduction of images. Up to $2,000 may be requested. Preference will be given to faculty preparing a product for tenure review or promotion to full professor or Senior or Principal Lecturer. A match of fund amount requested is required from home unit. In addition to application documents listed below, applications must include a letter from unit head confirming a match and a copy of the publisher contract.

**Required application documents:**
1. **Project Description** (three pages maximum, single-spaced with one-inch margins and at least 11-point font): Identify the proposed project’s objectives, description and expected outcomes. Address contributions to the faculty member’s professional development, their field, and to anti-racism, equity, or social justice.

2. **Timeline** (one page maximum): List project elements and note when each task will be accomplished during the funding period.

3. **Budget and Justification** (two pages maximum): Provide an itemized budget and justification for planned expenditures. All project elements and associated costs should be anticipated. Budget categories will vary depending on the project. Include any other sources of funding and whether those funds are committed or pending.

**Submission Process:**
Combine all application documents into a single PDF file and submit electronically to the ARHU Application Portal (http://apply.arhu.umd.edu) by 5 pm on the deadline date.

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Post Award Expectations:
A final report will be required one year after award date, summarizing use of funds and achievements. All awarded funds must be spent within a year of its distribution. Funds not spent within a year will be refunded to the college. Successful applicants will receive specific guidance on further reporting requirements in their award letter.

Awardees will acknowledge ARHU in any reports, presentations, and materials produced by the funding. Funded projects will be featured on the Maryland Center for Humanities Research website, humanities.umd.edu.