



MARYLAND CENTER FOR
HUMANITIES RESEARCH

FSRA/ISRCA INFO SESSION

Fall 2020

**INDEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH,
AND CREATIVITY AWARD ([ISRCA](#))**



**DIVISION OF
RESEARCH**

**FACULTY-STUDENT
RESEARCH AWARD ([FSRA](#))**



**THE
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FSRA & ISRCA

Goal: faculty research and professional advancement

\$10,000 Awards

Reviewers: university faculty who are not specialists in your field

Deadline: Oct. 1 @ 5pm



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HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY



Does the project involve and directly benefit graduate students?

FSRA

ISRCA



Is the project individual scholarship:
historical, humanistic, interpretive,
ethnographic, or creative?

THE STATS

FSRA

Approx. 50 awards most years
All across campus
Last year: 6 from ARHU

ISRCA

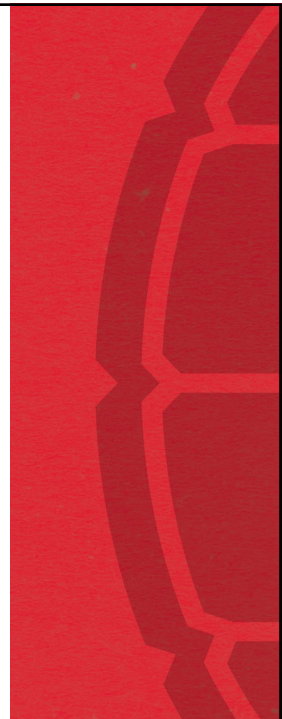
Est. 8-10 awards this year
More focused (ARHU, ARCH, BSOS)
Last year: 6 from ARHU out of 13

FSRA ELIGIBILITY

Full time faculty (TTK & PTK) who advise
grad students

Projects that directly benefit graduate
students

Limit one FSRA per three-year period (like
RASA/CAPAA)



FSRA KEY WORDS: “DIRECT BENEFIT”

Budgeted financial support (salary, travel)

Direct student involvement in research

Active mentorship supporting student’s
academic or professional success

FSRA REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Grad Student benefit & project involvement

2. Impact and Significance of Project

3. Use of funds and proposal feasibility

FSRA FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR:

Hiring grad student

Project- or travel-related expenses (faculty and/or grad student)

Only when project is not otherwise feasible:
Faculty summer salary or partial teaching release

FSRA APPLICATION

Grad School Cover Sheet

Project Description (3 pgs)

Grad student involvement & Budget (1pg)

Summary CV (4 pgs)

Chair Letter of Support (separately)

FSRA COVER SHEET



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FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION COVER SHEET (AY 2021-22)

The FSRA application must include: (1) this application cover sheet, (2) project description, (3) graduate student involvement and use of funds statement, (4) the applicant's C.V., and (5) a Letter of Support from the Department Chair.

The applicant should submit items 1-4 to the Awards Portal. The Department Chair should submit the letter of support to the Awards Portal. GS Awards Portal: <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/>.

Name:

College & Department:

Current rank / date of appointment:

Title of faculty-led project:

Compliance: Does your project require IRB approval? Yes No
(If yes, please submit your IRB approval number before the award period begins)

Graduate Student Involvement: Please list names of the students who will be involved with the project:

ISRCA ELIGIBILITY

Full time tenured and tenure-track faculty

Independent research projects (not collaborative)

ISRCA REVIEW CRITERIA

1. Quality of Proposed Project
2. Professional Advancement
3. Potential Impact (field, discipline, campus, society)

KEY WORDS: “INDEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP”

Pursuit of knowledge or creative expression for its own sake

Interpretation or critical analysis of original research or creative expression

ISRCA FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR:

Semester course release (*chair letter required*)

Summer salary (*if 9 month appointment*)

Research expenses (archival/field research costs, travel to research sites, materials, digitization or preservation, etc.)

ISRCA APPLICATION

Abstract (1 pg)

Project Description (3 pgs)

Short CV (2 pages)

If teaching release: Chair Letter

If research expenses: Budget & Justification

ISRCA CHAIR LETTER TEMPLATE

RE: ISRCA Letter of Support

Faculty Member/Applicant: _____

Requested semester: _____

I acknowledge the faculty member's request for teaching release in their Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards (ISRCA) application. If awarded, I agree to support this request.

Respectfully,

DEVELOPING A PROPOSAL

Clarity for non-specialist audience

Significance and expected impact

Methods

Work Plan/Timeline

Outcomes/Products

Relation to long-term professional development

COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL KEYS

Clearly ID problem, issue, gap your work addresses

Write to persuade, not merely inform

Forward-thinking: minimal background

Why you? Why now?

UMD wants to fund research to advance career (T&P)

UMD wants to fund viable projects that will be successfully completed

LOGISTICS

Internal funding: no Kuali Research routing or Intent to Submit form needed

Different Portals: Grad School or InfoReady

Talk to your chair now

Grant writer review of drafts

ARHU Proposal Library (samples)

ARHU PROPOSAL LIBRARY



ARHU Proposal Library

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Funding opportunities →
Internal Funding



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NEH Digital Humanities Advancement Grant - MITH.pdf



UMD ISRCA - Long.pdf

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QUESTIONS?