



COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

Spring 2021 ARHU Faculty Funds Competition NEW CHANGES TO GRANTS, READ BELOW

***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 Spring 2021 Faculty Funds Competition Call for Proposals. ARHU will not offer conference funds, but has added a special purpose grant and broadened the criteria for the advancement grants. Deadline for applications is **5 pm Friday, March 5, 2021**. Examples of past funded proposals can be found in the [ARHU Proposal Library](#).

ARHU Advancement Grants (Formerly Innovation Grants): Up to \$5,000 will be awarded to TTK and PTK faculty for projects that advance faculty's professional creative or research success in their field. Work proposed can advance ongoing efforts, address a new idea, or pilot a project. Successful applications must demonstrate 1) how the project meets the faculty member's professional advancement at UMD and 2) how the work contributes to the faculty member's field of study. Funds are intended to support research expenses such as hiring assistants, studio or rehearsal costs, materials, participant incentives, and archives. Funds are not intended to support teaching or classroom projects. No faculty salary will be provided and due to COVID travel restrictions, no travel expenses can be allowed. Priority will be given to projects that advance tenure and promotion goals.

Special Purpose Advancement Grants in Equity and Justice: In addition to the regular Advancement Grants, the Dean has added a special purpose fund as part of the new [ARHU campaign to address racism, equity and justice](#). Up to \$5,000 will be awarded to projects that demonstrate all of the Advancement Grant criteria, plus directly contribute or address racism, equity and/or social justice.

Submissions will be reviewed as either general ARHU Advancement Grants or Special Purpose Grants. PLEASE DESIGNATE IN THE TITLE OF YOUR PROJECT DESCRIPTION IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND. If a proposal does not state whether it is for the special purpose, the selection committee will make the decision and judge accordingly.

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. TTK and PTK are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to faculty preparing a product for academic promotion or tenure review. In addition to documents listed below, applications must include a letter from unit head confirming a match of the amount requested and a copy of the publisher contract.

Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship: Tenure-track assistant professors are eligible to apply for a \$5,000 summer fellowship. The fellowship will be provided as summer salary; an itemized budget is not required. Applications should demonstrate how a fellowship will enable the faculty member to make significant progress in a scholarly project necessary for their tenure and promotion.

Required application documents for ALL submissions:

1. Project Description (three pages maximum, single-spaced with one-inch margins, at least 11-point font): Detail the proposed project's activities, objectives, and expected outcomes. Address significance to the faculty member's professional development and their field. For special purpose applications, also address the contribution 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): For all applications except summer fellowship, provide an itemized budget and justify 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 March 5, 2021.

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 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.