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Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities

As part of the Year of the Humanities at Pitt, the Provost's Office announces a special initiative to support significant and innovative scholarship in the humanities and creative arts. Individual or groups of T/TS faculty at all ranks in the Humanities at Pitt are invited to submit proposals for new scholarly projects or to advance existing efforts. Joint proposals with faculty outside the Humanities will be considered if a Humanities faculty member(s) is the lead scholar(s). Faculty members may apply for funds through this initiative and through the Central Research Development Fund in the same year for different research projects or extensions of the same project. Please note that requests by faculty members in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences to fund conferences in support of faculty scholarship may be more appropriately directed to the Faculty Research and Scholarship Program (FRSP) in the Dietrich School.

A proposal can request up to \$20,000, but most will be funded at \$5,000 or less. Funds may be used for research expenses as consistent with university policies, such as travel to archives, acquisition of materials, student research assistance, or technical support. Proposals that include hiring a Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) for a summer or term must include current year stipend rates (<http://www.pitt.edu/~graduate/stipends.html>) plus 50% fringe benefits. No funds may be used for faculty salary.

Proposals should contain a 5-page (maximum) narrative that describes the project and its contribution to scholarship, a 1-page detailed budget, a 1-page bibliography, current CV's of all applicants, and a letter of support from the departmental chair(s). Proposals from department chairs should include a letter of support from the Associate Dean for Research. All application materials should be submitted as a single pdf document emailed to Mary Grace Murray mgwojnar@pitt.edu, assistant to Vice Provost Mark Redfern, by November 6, 2015.

Proposals will be reviewed and awards announced in December 2015. Funds can be expended from January 1 – December 31, 2016.