2019-2020 IHR RESEARCH CLUSTER: GUIDELINES
Deadline: March 11, 2019

The IHR facilitates and supports Research Clusters that explore a broad range of topics. Our aim is to promote research activity and communication among humanities scholars and between the humanities and other fields, and to enrich the intellectual climate of the university. Research Clusters may serve as an entry point for faculty to engage with the IHR, and should relate to the IHR mission to:

- foster innovative, collaborative, and transdisciplinary research
- examine important issues from humanistic perspectives
- promote and support excellence in humanities scholarship
- engage the university community in meaningful dialogue and exploration

Faculty are invited to submit an application for Research Cluster support. In order to maximize the time available for project activities during the fall semester, applications are due by **Monday, March 11, 2018.**

Criteria for funding include the degree of collaboration across disciplines, identification of a sufficient number of scholars interested in the topic and probably monthly meeting dates, and anticipated outcomes of the research group. Because funds are limited, we may not be able to support all groups or provide all requested funding. *All projects should include at least one facilitator who is a humanities scholar in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.*

Clusters that receive IHR funding in 2019-20 will be expected to:

- Hold regular monthly meetings on a schedule agreed to by participants at the time of application. Meetings may be held in the IHR conference room, subject to availability.
- Present their research or ideas in a symposium, roundtable, or panel discussion, or invite an ASU or external scholar to give a lecture. The public event, which should be open to the campus community and might also include the broader public, may be held in the fall or the spring semester. (External scholars invited in the fall semester tend to encourage participation. Those who visit in the spring semester help provide a capstone to cluster activities.) The date should be coordinated in advance with the IHR to avoid multiple events within the same week.
- Provide a brief interim report by December 2019.
- Provide a final report of the year's activities and an outline of anticipated future plans no later than May 15, 2020.

- Use the year of funding to explore appropriate follow-up activities, including publications, research, conference planning or participation, and other scholarly activities that promote and advance the mission of IHR and ASU.

The IHR will provide the Research Clusters with logistical assistance for meeting space, publicity, and coordination of the public event. Awards are up to $1,000, and may include full or partial support for a visiting scholar. **Recipients of the Jenny Norton Research Cluster on Women will receive $750 on top of their basic cluster award.** CLAS Humanities research administration will provide administrative support, as needed, for the development and submission of external grant proposals resulting from the Research Cluster activities.

Recipients of Research Cluster awards may reapply for a second year of funding if they can demonstrate how the second year's activities will broaden the cluster's activities, attract additional participants, expand or deepen the group's focus, or produce spin-off clusters and/or additional campus-wide programs.

Funded projects will be listed on the IHR website and publicized to encourage others with an interest in the topics to participate. See http://ihr.asu.edu/research/clusters for abstracts of previously funded projects.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

Eligible expenses include:
- Travel expenses and/or an honorarium to invite an external scholar or consultant to campus*
- Books and other research materials
- Supplies
- Meal/reception for visiting scholar(s), Cluster organizers, and key participants**

In some cases the $1,000 may be insufficient to cover the entire cost of bringing an external scholar to campus, in which case Cluster members are encouraged to seek additional support from their home departments or others as appropriate to the topic.

*** The IHR is not able to provide funding for refreshments for the Cluster's monthly meetings. However, **up to 10% of the total funds awarded** to the Cluster may be used to fund receptions or meals for invited speakers and Cluster participants for the public event(s).*

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit your application as single pdf file to ihr@asu.edu no later than 11:59 PM on **March 11, 2018.**