The Paul Hirt Excellence in Environmental Humanities Prize

Value: $7,000

Due Date: March 20, 2023 (for commencement July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Award Description:
This award is named in honor of our recently retired colleague from SHPRS, a historian and public humanist whose research and community engagement offer a powerful model for how to reach wide audiences and deploy humanities knowledge for social change around issues of climate, environmental justice and resource access. This is a $7,000 award to recognize and fund ambitious work in the environmental humanities or with an ecological bent, especially work that aligns with the university’s charter of inclusion. Through generous donor support, The College’s Division of Humanities and the Institute for Humanities Research are able to provide this platform for successful, creative, engaging research and public projects.

Eligibility
Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty at the assistant or associate level
2. ASU faculty whose home unit is within The College’s Division of Humanities

Award Detail
If selected, Fellows will be awarded:

- $7,000 in research funds administered by the awardee’s tenure home unit.
- As allowed by the faculty member’s unit, research funds can go towards (for example): a course buy-out, a research assistant, travel costs, books and research materials.

Application Requirements
Applications should include:

- Completed InfoReady application form
- Narrative/description of 600 words or less
- CV (abbreviated to two pages)
- Project Workplan of 200 words or less outlining project work and deliverables month by month. The Project Workplan will not be counted towards 600-word narrative/description.

Narrative/Description Requirements (600 words or less):
Applicants should ensure their research or creative endeavors address ambitious work
in the environmental humanities or with an ecological bent, especially work that aligns with the university’s charter of inclusion.

Applications should be submitted in a PDF format via InfoReady. Applicants should consider the following review criteria when drafting their narrative:

- How well does the proposal reflect ambitious new work in the environmental humanities or with an ecological bent?
- How does the project reflect engagement with environmental humanities including but not limited to: addressing issues around climate, environmental justice and/or resource access; producing innovative environmental humanities research; facilitating community engagement; reaching wide audiences; and deploying humanities knowledge for social change?
- Is the narrative/project description and work plan clear and sufficiently developed for the proposed outcomes?
- Does the applicant have a record of engagement with the environmental humanities?

**Project Work Plan Requirements (200 words or less):**

Applicants should provide a brief project work plan, outlining a timeline, key milestones of outputs (publications) and outcomes.

- The period of performance should not exceed 12 months from the award start date.
- Applicants can utilize the Project Work Plan Template associated with this application.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be submitted to the IHR; a panel of ASU environmental humanities scholars will review all submitted applications.

Reviewers will evaluate all eligible proposals against the following three criteria:

1. The potential of the project to advance the field of environmental humanities.
2. The quality and innovativeness of the proposal with regard to its scope, framework, and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature.
3. The feasibility of the project and the likelihood that the applicant will execute the work within the proposed time frame.

For questions contact either Ron Broglio (Director) or ihr@asu.edu.