



SIMPSON CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES

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Call for Proposals for Academic Year 2010-11

Deadline: November 16, 2009

SIMPSON CENTER MISSION

The Simpson Center for the Humanities seeks to support innovative crossdisciplinary research and to integrate that research with teaching at the graduate level and with programs designed to engage larger publics. We sponsor a wide range of activities, including collaborative research groups, scholarly conferences and symposia, and a fellowship program for UW faculty and doctoral students. We also support public programs in the humanities, which we construe broadly to include projects and topics of humanistic interest in the social sciences, sciences, professions, and arts. The main purpose of our support is not to provide permanent funding for ongoing programs but, rather, to assist in the development of new ideas and projects.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Simpson Center invites project proposals in the humanities from UW faculty and graduate students. Members of the Simpson Center Executive Board evaluate proposals in fall and spring for support in the subsequent academic year. Proposals requiring course releases must be submitted in the fall funding round.

We encourage applicants to consult with Simpson Center staff in formulating proposals, particularly if a project does not fall into any of the categories described below but does fulfill the broad goals of the Simpson Center. To schedule an appointment, call 543.3920.

Comprehensive information about the Fall 2009 funding round, including submission instructions, an archive of past funded projects, and sample proposals and budgets, is online: www.simpsoncenter.org/apply.

Please note that the Simpson Center's Executive Board does not review applications whose primary purpose is travel funding for individual research or conference participation. The Simpson Center also does not fund honoraria for UW faculty and graduate students for on-campus programs. ***The Simpson Center does assist the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest in making its travel grants by accepting applications for them. Please see details for eligibility and procedures below.*

The director of the Simpson Center reserves the right, under unusual circumstances, to bring exceptional proposals to the Executive Board outside of the regular funding cycle.



FALL 2009 FUNDING CATEGORIES

For the November 16, 2009, deadline the Simpson Center invites proposals for projects to take place in academic year 2010-11 which fall into these categories:

- Faculty Research Fellowships (Society of Scholars) **November submittal only*
- Graduate Research Fellowships (Society of Scholars) **November submittal only*
- Associate Professor Crossdisciplinary Research Initiative **November submittal only*
- Full Professor Crossdisciplinary Conversation Awards
- Symposia, Colloquia, and Conferences
- Crossdisciplinary Research Clusters
- Large-Scale Collaborative Research, Teaching, and/or Public Projects
- Proposal Writing Incentive Awards
- Public Humanities: Engaging the Community
- Other
- ****Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest (CSPN) Research Travel Grants**
Applications accepted by the Simpson Center; awards administered by CSPN.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

All proposals must be submitted using the Simpson Center's digital submission system.

Proposal submission is a four-step process at minimum; some proposal categories require a fifth step. To be considered complete, applications must include all components and fulfill all required steps for their category. Please view specific proposal category guidelines at www.simpsoncenter.org/apply. If you have questions, please seek clarification from the Simpson Center before submitting your proposal. When your materials are finalized, follow these steps:

Step 1: Bundle your proposal components into a single file. We recommend PDF format, which ensures your document will look and print exactly as you intend. We also will accept a bundled Word document, but caution that materials submitted in Word may not represent you in the manner intended.

Step 2: Upload your bundled proposal file to the Catalyst Dropbox.

Step 3: Submit your proposal identification information via the Catalyst WebQ.

Step 4: Download and complete the **signature sheet**. Return it to the Simpson Center (Communications 206/Box 353710) with the signature of your department chair and a **single hard copy** of your proposal.

Step 5 (if applicable): Request the required letter of support and have it emailed to uwch@u.washington.edu.

Apply at <http://www.simpsoncenter.org/apply>.



CATEGORY GUIDELINES

Faculty Research Fellowships (Society of Scholars)	*November submittal only
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UW faculty are invited to apply for Simpson Center Research Fellowships to pursue their research and participate in the biweekly meetings of the fellows throughout the academic year. Faculty at the ranks of assistant professor, associate professor, and professor are eligible to submit proposals. Assistant professors must have served as active faculty for at least one year prior to their application. Faculty who have previously held Simpson Center Research Fellowships are eligible to apply again after a period of three years.

Eight faculty awards are made annually. Awards are predominantly based on the scholarly merit of the individual applications. Scholarship likely to contribute to intellectual exchange among a diverse group of colleagues is especially encouraged. We also encourage joint applications from two scholars working collaboratively on a single, substantive research project that aims to produce research in the form of joint print or web publications.

Because this fellowship program is designed to promote the discussion of new research among scholars from different departments, it is not appropriate for those whose projects require periods of time spent away from the University during the fellowship year.

Fellowship recipients receive release time from teaching for **two courses** (preferably in a single quarter) so they can devote themselves to research. The Simpson Center furnishes replacement costs to the home department for two graduate student quarters, up to the level of Predoctoral Teaching Associate II. These replacement costs include benefits and tuition waivers.

It may be helpful to applicants to refer to the National Endowment for the Humanities' guidelines for the preparation of proposal narratives (<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>).

All faculty who are awarded fellowships will be expected to submit an application for a fellowship to a national agency or foundation (such as NEH, ACLS, or the Guggenheim Foundation) or a residency site (such as the National Humanities Center) either in the fellowship year or the year after.

Graduate Research Fellowships (Society of Scholars)	*November submittal only
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Graduate students who have advanced to candidacy by November 2009 are invited to apply for Simpson Center Research Fellowships to work on their dissertations and to participate in the biweekly meetings of the fellows throughout the academic year.

Three awards are made to dissertators annually. Awards are based on the scholarly merit of the applications. Scholarship likely to contribute to intellectual exchange among a diverse group of colleagues is especially encouraged.

Graduate research fellows of the Society of Scholars receive **two quarters** of support, including benefits and a tuition waiver for those two quarters, and participate in the biweekly meetings of



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the fellows throughout the academic year. The fellowship is not appropriate for projects requiring significant periods of time spent away from the University during the fellowship term.

It may be helpful for applicants to refer to the National Endowment for the Humanities' guidelines for the preparation of proposal narratives (<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>).

NOTE: In their letter of support, dissertation advisors must address applicant's readiness for advanced dissertation writing and the feasibility of their work plans for the fellowship year.

Associate Professor Crossdisciplinary Research Initiative	*November submittal only
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The Associate Professor Crossdisciplinary Research Initiative commits resources to associate professors. These grants enable mid-career faculty to pursue humanities-related research that will benefit from disciplinary expertise in another area. UW faculty who have been at the rank of associate professor for *at least three years* and who are working in a humanities discipline or on a humanities-related topic are eligible to apply.

Applicants propose to work with a faculty counterpart of any rank (from any department, discipline, or school other than the applicant's own) on a specific research project of their own design.

Faculty counterparts should contribute to the applicant's research through regular conversation, feedback, and/or guidance (regarding debates in this other field, recent research, etc.). Faculty pairs work together throughout the year.

Award recipients receive release time from teaching for **two courses** (preferably in a single quarter). *It is understood that faculty members will continue to work with their graduate students during their release time from teaching.

The Simpson Center furnishes replacement costs to the home department for two graduate student quarters, up to the level of Predoctoral Teaching Associate II. The replacement costs include benefits and tuition waivers.

Counterparts receive a research budget of \$1,500. Award recipients and their counterparts present their research at the Simpson Center in late Winter or Spring quarters.

The Simpson Center can help identify potential counterparts.

Full Professor Crossdisciplinary Conversation Award
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This award encourages full professors to pursue research projects that would benefit from crossdisciplinary engagement with a faculty member in another field. The collaborating faculty member may be of any rank and must belong to any department, discipline, or field other than the applicant's own.

The faculty member initiating the project receives no compensation other than the formal recognition of the award and the intrinsic reward of crossdisciplinary collegiality and knowledge.



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(Full professors may hold a Conversation Award simultaneously with a Society of Scholars Research Fellowship.) An award in the amount of \$1,500 for research will acknowledge the generosity of the faculty counterpart who gives time and expertise.

The Simpson Center can assist you in identifying potential faculty counterparts for your project.

Symposium, Colloquium, or Conference

The Simpson Center invites proposals for the support of crossdisciplinary and interdisciplinary symposia, colloquia, and conferences. The Executive Board encourages including a humanities seminar or course—in particular at the graduate level—during the quarter(s) that will precede or coincide with a research conference or a colloquium series.

Crossdisciplinary Research Cluster

Crossdisciplinary Research Clusters are intended to bring together faculty and graduate students from different departments and disciplines with shared research interests. Projects in this category should seed new and vital research activity and should not underwrite the ongoing support of existing programs. Research clusters should meet regularly throughout the year. Clusters that engage emerging fields of inquiry and/or are linked to a crossdisciplinary or crossdepartmental curriculum are especially encouraged, as are cluster models other than a speaker series.

Funds can be used to support meeting costs, photocopying, visiting speakers, etc.

Awards normally do not exceed \$7,000.

Large-Scale Collaborative Research, Teaching, and/or Public Project

Large-scale collaboration grants enable faculty and graduate students to pursue extended crossdisciplinary and crossdepartmental collaborative projects in research, teaching, and public engagement. Projects that incorporate these three dimensions are encouraged but not required.

Large-scale collaborations may include a series of linked crossdepartmental seminars or courses organized around a specific subject, accompanied by a complementary series of public lectures. These activities may be designed to develop new programs of study at the University of Washington.

If the project entails collaborative research, it is essential to note the form of the completed research (an edited book, a website, etc.).



Proposal Writing Incentive Award

This award encourages the development and submission of large-scale proposals in the humanities and humanistic social sciences to major agencies and foundations such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Examples might include a proposal to host an NEH Summer Institute at the University of Washington, or a proposal to Luce Foundation's Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs.

Proposals for individual fellowship support from NEH, the Guggenheim Foundation, ACLS, and other foundations are not eligible. Priority is given to projects that would be housed at the Simpson Center.

Faculty who are granted a Proposal Writing Incentive Award will receive a \$1,500 research award (to reimburse expenses for travel to archives and scholarly conferences, etc.) upon submittal of the grant proposal. The Simpson Center award applies for major foundation proposals that will be submitted between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010. If the Simpson Center is to serve as fiscal sponsor for the grant, internal deadlines will be determined accordingly.

Applications for Proposal Writing Incentive Awards can also be incorporated into proposals for other Simpson Center funding initiatives—for instance, as one aspect of a Large-Scale Collaborative Project. In this case, submit your application under the rubric of the other category and include plans for foundation/endowment submission in your proposal narrative, as well as the \$1,500 incentive award in your proposed budget.

Public Humanities: Engaging the Community

These awards support humanities-based projects that promote dialogue, exchange, and collaboration between University of Washington scholars and the greater Seattle community, including the public schools. The Simpson Center encourages project collaborators to develop opportunities for reflecting upon these projects at conferences, workshops, or in publication.

Projects in engaged teaching and/or research may take multiple and diverse forms. Previously funded examples include the following:

- Conducting reading and writing groups for women and youth in local shelters (Broadview University)
- Developing an accessible web archive and curriculum via community-based research (Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project)



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- Developing a major exhibition featuring original research in collaboration with a local museum (American Sabor: Latinos in U.S. Popular Music)

Other examples may be found at www.simpsoncenter.org under “Sponsored Projects.”

Other

If a project does not fall into any of the established categories but does fulfill the broad goals of the Simpson Center, please consult with Center staff for help formulating a proposal. To schedule an appointment, please call the Simpson Center at 543.3920. Please email all project proposal documentation for review twenty-four hours before your appointment.

Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest (CSPN) Research Travel Grants**

The Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest (CSPN) invites applications from full-time UW faculty and graduate students for research travel grants that support scholarly projects related to the Pacific Northwest. Applications from any discipline or interdisciplinary field in the social sciences and humanities are encouraged. Strong preference will be given to Ph.D. dissertation and book monograph projects.

Although CSPN generally defines the Pacific Northwest geographically—the stretch of North America west of eastern Montana and north of California—it welcomes applications that explore and critique the very idea of the Pacific Northwest as a regional and historical concept.

**For more information on the CSPN Research Travel Grants, contact the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest at cspn@u.washington.edu or 543.8656. CSPN Research Travel Grants are administered by the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, not the Simpson Center. The Simpson Center assists only in advertising the opportunity and gathering applications for the CSPN in the course of its regular funding rounds.