IHR Research Cluster Guidelines for AY 2015-2016

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, April 13, 2015**. Approximately 5-6 groups will be selected for funding for the 2015-16 academic year.

Criteria for funding include the degree of collaboration across disciplines, identification of a sufficient number of scholars interested in the topic, 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. However, we will try to facilitate the work of all research groups, whether or not we can financially support them. **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 2015-16 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 rooms, 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 mid-point update before the end of the fall 2015 semester.
provide a final report of the year’s activities and an outline of anticipated future plans no later than May 15, 2016.

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.

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.** The IHR will provide administrative support, as needed, for 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.

Please submit your application material) to ihr@asu.edu no later than 11:59 PM on April 13, 2015.

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