

Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center (IHRC)
College of Arts and Sciences
Grants for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Call for Proposals: Humanities & Healthcare

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: June 11, 2021

AWARD NOTIFICATION: June 30, 2021

The mission of the College of Arts and Sciences' Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Center (IHRC) is to strengthen faculty research and creative activity while also enhancing its integration into the curriculum; support initiatives involving multidisciplinary research teams, both within the university as well as with external partners; and foster intellectual community and public engagement.

The IHRC has been an incubator for curriculum innovation and public humanities outreach since its establishment in 2009, providing seed grants to support interdisciplinary team-teaching as well as collaborative multidisciplinary projects resulting in the establishment of new undergraduate minors (e.g. Environmental Humanities, Game Studies, the re-design of the Disability Studies minor), and inter-arts collaborations supporting scholarship, performances, and exhibitions as well as K12 outreach. [See previously funded projects.](#)

IHRC Microgrants for 2021-2022: Humanities & Healthcare

The past year has shown us how important it is to apply humanistic research to the study of healthcare. Interdisciplinary partnerships between the humanities and healthcare is essential to understanding the history of public health, its discourse, and its ability to interface with diverse populations with equity and inclusivity. Teaching projects focused on humanities and healthcare may include work that situates and confronts the various manifestations of systemic racism and inequality in the healthcare system. There are opportunities to further explore connections between healthcare and the interconnections that exist and manifest in other societal sectors (education, criminal justice, government, social capital, etc.). Multidisciplinary approaches are welcome: from how social media, film and television, literary, popular fiction, and even comics use narrative to explore the healthcare community, to the interplay between media and the communication of healthcare advances, pandemic storytelling, and the dynamics of narrative construction and vaccine skepticism. *Humanities & Healthcare proposals should:*

- design a project for engaging faculty, undergraduate, and/or graduate students that applies the humanities to healthcare;
- introduce possibilities for an integrative project that supports existing course offerings within a framework of identified and established partnerships in healthcare and humanities research.

Proposed projects should:

- forge impactful partnerships between humanities and healthcare research agendas;

- leverage humanities methodologies for humanistic approaches to major healthcare-related issues;
- create workable materials for supplementing or enhancing existing course lessons or lab work;
- formulate and actualize project deliverables that result as a product of the collaboration, e.g., reports, articles, websites, digital data curation, etc.

Especially welcome are proposals that: Engage UD Anti-racism Initiative ([UDARI](#))

All courses must be hosted or cross-listed in a CAS Humanities department. At least one PI should have an appointment in the Humanities portfolio.

Allowable costs for IHRC funding include:

- Honoraria for external specialists or non-faculty collaborators (community stakeholders, healthcare practitioners, research participants, invited speakers)
- Travel for course enrichment to regional healthcare or community service centers
- Expenses for additional teaching/research materials for supplementary activities research needs (provide context, description in proposed budget)

Departmental in-kind support is required for:

- Support for the proposal from department/unit chair(s). Please share draft CFP with your chair or program directors or sponsoring units.
- On-load assignment of faculty to teach proposed course in Fall 2021, Winter 2022, or Spring 2022
- Administrative support for faculty grant expenditures and financial reporting

Maximum award amount: \$5,000. Grant expenditures are reimbursed by the IHRC.

Grant recipients will be required to give a presentation about their project to faculty, staff, and graduate students at a “teach-in” event and/or IHRC grant showcase and submit a final project report suitable for publication on the IHRC website by June 15, 2022. Funds must be spent by June 15, 2022; a full accounting of expenditures is to be included in the final project report.

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IHRC PROPOSAL TEMPLATE: Submit a PDF, single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, that includes the following information and in this order:

CFP Category: Humanities & Healthcare

Project title:

Principal investigator(s) and team members and home department(s)/program(s):

Project description, including a brief description of your plan for interdisciplinary collaboration:

Potential significance and impact of the project including the possible learning outcomes to emerge from the “Humanities & Healthcare” partnership:

Primary target audience and possible existing course partnerships:

Timeline for course delivery [Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022]:

Course name, number and cross-listed departments (if applicable):

Budget proposal (please itemize according to projected expenses and confirm that budget estimates are informed by existing UD standards and cost structures for compensation.)
Simple Excel worksheet most welcome.

Submit application to Tracy Jentzsch, Program Coordinator: ihrc-info@udel.edu

In the subject heading of the email, please write:

IHRC AY21-22 and your name: e.g. IHRC AY21-22_Green.