Cross-Training for Humanities Faculty Grant

Award up to $15,000

The Center for the Humanities is pleased to announce, as part of our five-year initiative aimed at transforming humanities PhD training, a funding opportunity for tenure-track and tenured faculty. Generously supported by the Mellon Foundation, the Redefining Doctoral Education in the Humanities (RDE) Cross-Training for Humanities Faculty Grant will be awarded to faculty members in the humanities who wish to pursue coursework in other WashU departments or schools or at other institutions that will enhance collaborative teaching and research involving humanities scholars and their counterparts in other disciplines, and will help build new capacities that will enable them to train graduate students in areas beyond their traditional academic discipline. Although it is anticipated that many faculty will seek to acquire deeper knowledge of other fields within the broadly defined sphere of the humanities and humanistic social sciences, proposals to study disciplines farther afield are eligible. We are especially interested in supporting cross-training coursework that includes one or more of the following capacities: quantitative and digital skills, teamwork and collaboration, writing for multiple audiences, public presentation, project management, and humanities pedagogy beyond the research university.

Fall 2018 will be the first of four funding cycles for this grant. This cycle we are awarding up to four $15,000 Cross-Training Grants. Faculty will enroll in their first courses in summer 2019, fall 2019, or spring 2020.

How the grant funds will be expended depends on the course, its location, and when it is being offered. Some faculty might use their funds for a course release (with their chair’s approval) to take a class during the standard teaching semester. Some of the funds would then be directed toward replacement teaching and tuition. Others might use their funds for summer salary and to support summer study at Washington University or elsewhere. (Depending on the level of the course offered, some options might be partially covered by the employee tuition benefit plan). Because of the range of possible options under this initiative, all proposals will require a detailed budget and approval of the faculty member’s chair.

Eligibility – All Arts & Sciences tenured or tenure-track faculty in the humanities or humanistic social sciences may apply. Priority will be given to faculty who are currently teaching advanced level undergraduate and/or graduate courses.

Application Deadline – November 30, 2018 at 12 pm central time.

Grant Amount – $15,000

Grant Period – These grants will fund activities between May 15, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

Application Requirements –
- Application Cover Page (name, rank, department, contact details, signatures of applicant and department chair)
- Project Summary – no more than 150 words
- Project Description – (3-page limit; single spaced; 12 pt. font). The project description should include discussion of the topics or capacities you plan to pursue, the proposed course of cross-training, and how you plan to use the capacities you acquire to enhance training of graduate students.
- A list of advanced undergraduate & graduate courses taught in the last five years – include course numbers, course titles, and the semesters in which the course was taught.
- Evaluation and Assessment Plan – a brief description of the criteria that will indicate the success of your cross-training and how you will assess and judge this success.
- Budget – provide a description and itemization of costs. The budget may include, for example, line items for tuition, faculty summer salary and fringe benefits, or instructional and teaching materials such as books, apps, and software. With department chair approval, funds may also be used to support faculty course release. Please be as specific as possible about the expenses you expect to incur. Funds may not be used for local meals, entertainment, or alcohol purchases.
- Curriculum Vitae

Submission Procedure – Submit the full proposal, including coversheet (endorsed by department chair), and CV as a single email attachment to cenhumapp@wustl.edu using the following naming convention for the application pdf: Last name First name RDE CrossTrain. Deadline for submission: 12 pm, CST, Friday, November 30, 2018.

Project Selection – Proposals will be reviewed by a subcommittee of four from the RDE Advisory Committee, as well as faculty representing two other Washington University schools (Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, the Brown School of Social Work, the Engineering School, or the Olin Business School). The primary criteria by which proposals will be evaluated is the impact of faculty cross training on humanities graduate education at Washington University.

Reporting – All awardees will be required to submit a short (200-word) final report on their cross training program that outlines the goals achieved and how their training will shape future course development and graduate training.