SSRC Research Grants

The Social Science Research Commons invites applications for its research grants program. The program will provide grants for individual-investigator or collaborative projects in the social sciences. Priority will be given to innovative projects that will advance empirical knowledge, theories, or methods and that include funding to support graduate students. Typical requests will be for $2,000 - $10,000.

Eligibility: All tenured and tenure-track faculty, and non-tenure track faculty whose evaluation criteria are based on research activity, in the social sciences are eligible to apply. Applicants may only serve as the primary investigator on one application per academic year.

Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2020

How to apply: Complete and submit your application to ssrc@indiana.edu using the provided template, which includes:

1. A project narrative describing the project's goals and its advancement of empirical knowledge, theories, or methods (maximum 2 pages)
2. A budget, short (1 paragraph) budget justification, and statement about any other funding applied for and/or received for the project
3. A list of personnel involved with the project, their status (faculty, graduate student, staff, etc.), and their home schools and/or departments

Evaluation criteria: Reviewers will consider the proposed project's significance, innovation (advancing empirical knowledge, theory, or methods), approach (methodology), contributions to social science, personnel (investigators and support for graduate students), and broader impact (publications, future external funding, or community impact). Reviewers will also consider how the proposed project and its budget fits into the broader initiative and other funding.

Project Report: Grant recipients must submit a brief 1-2 page report of the outcomes of the funded project within 3 months of the end of the project period. Reports should address grant and fellowship proposals submitted or awards received as a result of the funded research, publications/presentations, and/or how the project advanced the recipient's research agenda. Faculty must submit these progress reports and provide evidence of seeking external funding and/or publication in order to be eligible for SSRC funding in subsequent years.