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Call for Proposals: Media Production Grants

The call for grant proposals for 2018 is now closed. Please check back fall 2018 for more information.

Grants for Media Production * Apply by December 1, 2017 * COLA Grad Students & Faculty

The College of Liberal Arts is pleased to announce the Humanities Media Project Grants Program for 2018. This program assists UT-Austin's liberal arts graduate students and faculty in their efforts to use media to promote the humanities beyond traditional academic audiences. The college's hope is that these efforts will result in a greater understanding of and appreciation for the humanities.

We welcome proposals for the production of original audio, video, and/or new media content related to the academic humanities. Serial projects are preferred, but one-time projects also will be considered. All projects must contain a substantial multimedia component and plans for dissemination to both academic and non-academic audiences.

Possible formats include but are not limited to:

- Podcast
- Radio
- Video/film
- Interactive website

- Interactive audio tour
- Photography series
- App

Content produced as part of this grant program may be published online and/or distributed via radio or television. For instance, grantees might publish their content on iTunes U and/or YouTube, or submit their work to NPR or PBS affiliates.

In support of these efforts, the program is able to provide the four winning projects with up to $5,000 in funds to support research assistance, travel, materials, equipment and studio rental, and other reasonable expenses.

Sample Proposal Ideas

- Create an audio or video series around a specific topic or area of study that might be useful in college. For instance, one 2017 grant supported the Blackademics Television and New Media Project, a serial project that, in collaboration with KLRU-TV Austin PBS and the African and African Diaspora Studies Department, creates, curates, and disseminates black studies humanities and related scholarship to a broad popular audiences. The HMP grant allowed the Blackademics Television and New Media Project team to strengthen outreach and dissemination efforts by creating curriculum guides for the upcoming season, enhancing the project's online presence so that talks are more clearly described and accompanying curriculum guides are easily accessible, and by transferring past and future talks into podcast format to enhance its reach.
- Develop an interactive audio tour to help preserve knowledge and promote awareness of history and culture in a particular
- Translate your research into an interactive website, video or film, or app.

Timeline

Proposals Due:　Friday, December 1, 2017 by 5p.m.(CST)

Notification:　Early January 2018

Awards Distributed:　Mid to late January 2018

Project Completion Deadline:　Friday, August 31, 2018

Required Application Materials

1. **2-3 page project description and justification that should include**
   - An overview of the project
   - Explanation of why the project is important and how it will meet the goals of this program
   - Plan for how the project will be produced using HMP resources and those from other sources
   - List of potential project personnel and work locations
   - Rough timeline for the completion of the project (Note: projects must be completed and ready to publish/circulate within six months of receipt of the award)
   - Plan for dissemination of the materials produced by the project

2. **Itemized budget for the project. Possible expenses include**
   - Travel
   - Personnel (Note: grant funds cannot be used to supplement faculty salaries but can be used to provide stipends/payments to graduate students or others who are assisting with the project)
   - Equipment
   - Software
   - Usage or publishing fees

3. **Examples, if any, of similar projects already undertaken or completed**
4. **Current curriculum vitae**

Application Submission and Questions

Completed applications should be emailed to the Humanities Media Project (hmp@austin.utexas.edu). Electronic submissions are preferred, but physical application packets can be sent via inter-campus mail to: Victoria Davis at Mail Code G6000. Please direct any inquiries to Victoria Davis (vdavis@austin.utexas.edu).

SAMPLE BUDGET

	Applicant Expense	Grant Expense	Notes
PERSONNEL			

Applicant Salary*	N/A	N/A
Assistant Salary	$0	$1500
Postproduction Assistance	$0	$1000

SOFTWARE

Avid	$0	$300

EQUIPMENT

Camera**	$0	$0
Light Kit Rental	$0	$300
Microphone Rental	$0	$200
Hard Drive	$0	$200

TRAVEL

Flight(s)	$0	$700
Accommodations	$0	$500
Car Rental	$200	$0
Food, etc.	$150	$0

MISCELLANEOUS

Supplies	$0	$300

TOTALS	*$350*	*$5,000*

Grant may pay stipend for graduate student applicants or assistants only.

**HMP grantees may have the option of using UT-owned software and equipment*

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