

Faculty Interdisciplinary Research Startup Grant Program

“FIRSt Grant”

THIS PRESENTATION INCLUDES:

- Why do interdisciplinary humanities research?
- What do I need to do?
- What makes a strong proposal?
- What if I have more questions?



What is the FIRSt Grant Program?

The Faculty Interdisciplinary Research Startup (FIRSt) Grant Program is a one academic year award of \$5,000 to support faculty-student research teams who are advancing interdisciplinary humanities. (At least 2 faculty and 1 student)



Self-defined scope of work.

Collaboration can be*:

Contributive
Parallel
Facilitative

Outcomes can be (some examples):

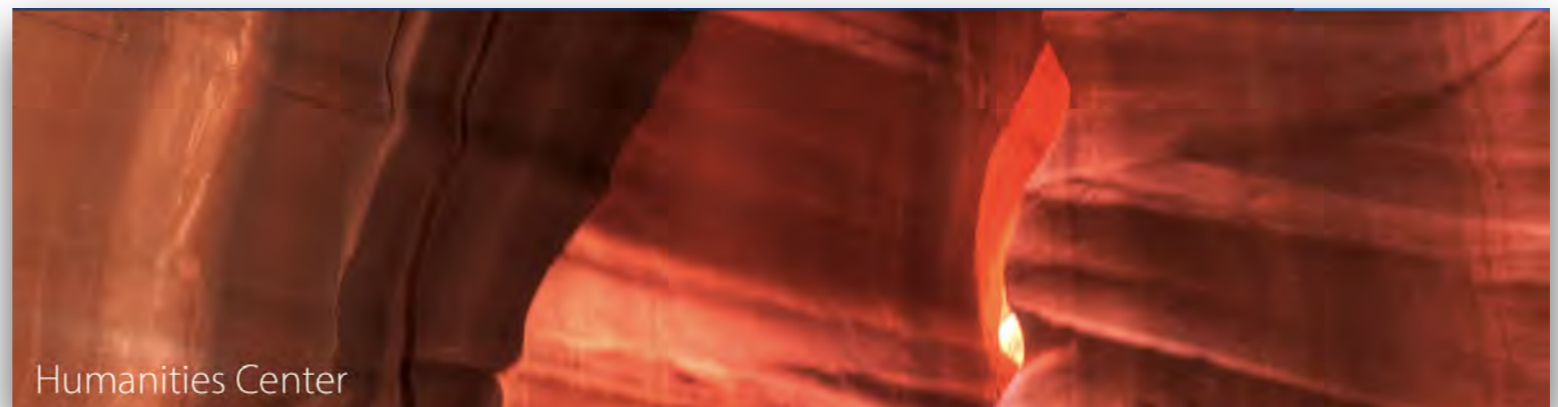
- Single author publications
- Multiple author publications
- Convenings/Learning Experiences
- Seed grant for larger proposal



Why do interdisciplinary humanities research?

Interdisciplinary humanities-engaged research places dynamic, critical, and complex exploration of human knowledge and experience at the heart of inquiries into the worlds we make, manipulate, and inhabit.

Collaboration develops an engaging and inclusive learning community.



What do I need to do?

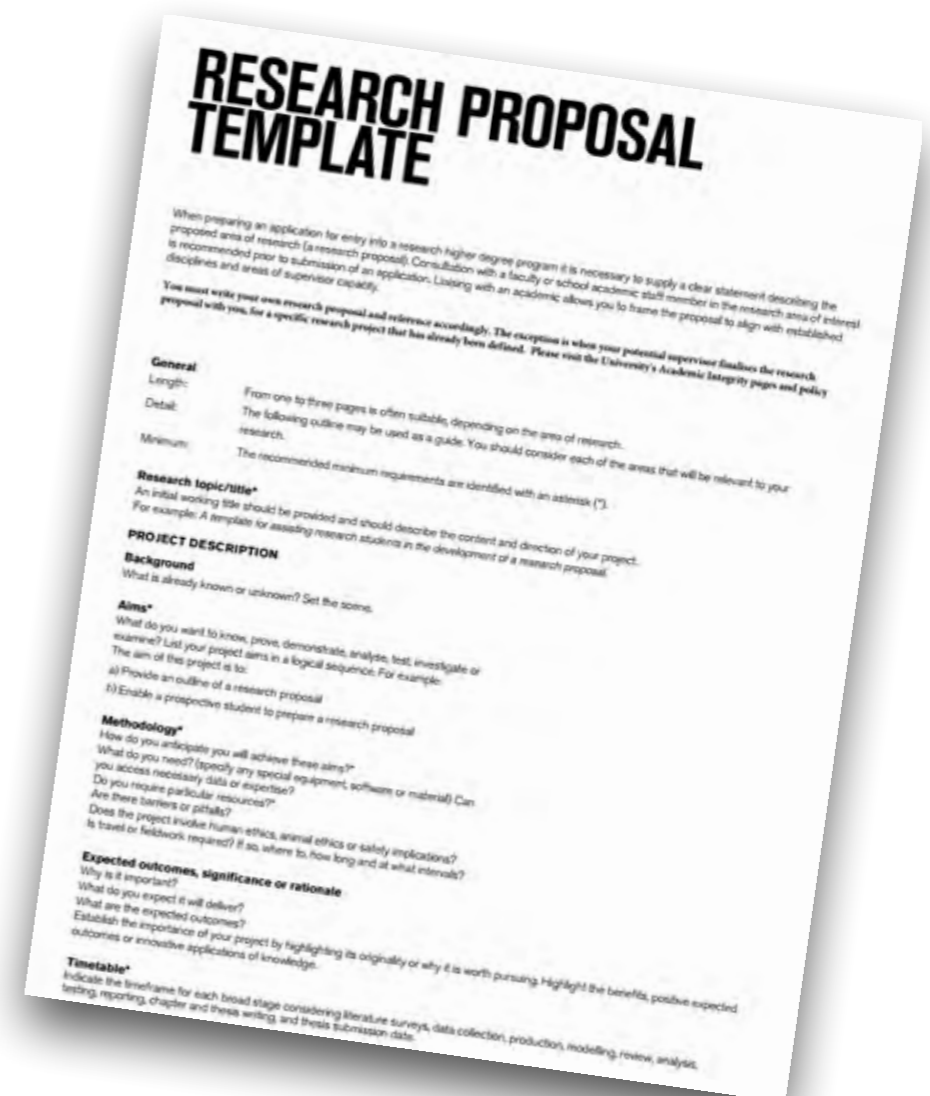
1. Look at FIRSt Grant website
(<https://www.sandiego.edu/cas/humanities-center/collaborative-research/first-grants.php>)
2. Develop your team and scope of work.
3. Write your proposal
4. Submit your proposal before deadline, Friday, April 27, 2018



What makes a strong proposal?

A STRONG PROPOSAL:

- Is complete and on time
- Has a clear, significant research question, clear goals and plan
- Advances interdisciplinary humanities
- Communicates a larger trajectory
- Has a strong collaborative group
- Doable timeline and clear budget



Who are the current FIRSt Grant Awardees?

“Using Religious Conversion to Overcome Discrimination and Marginalization: the Case of Buddhist Dalits in Maharashtra, India”

2 Faculty: [Dr. Joel Gruber](#) (THRS), [Vidya Nadkarni](#) (POLS)

1 Student: [Tiara Avanness](#) (Philosophy and Business, minor in Political Science)

“Another California, Another Country, Another World: California, the American Dream/ Dreams of the Americas, and the Battle for the Future(s) of the Humanities and the Global System”

4 Faculty: [Carlton Floyd](#) (Associate Professor, English), [Cid Martinez](#) (Assistant Professor, Sociology), [Thomas Ehrlich Reifer](#) (Professor, Sociology), [Leonora Simonovis](#) (Associate Professor, Languages, Cultures & Literatures)

6 Students: [Hailey Brooks](#) (Sociology), [Cassie Ortega](#) (Sociology and English, McNair Scholar), [Tiasha Rogers](#) (Sociology and Ethnic Studies. McNair Scholar, Keck Fellow), [Dominique Shank](#) (English, McNair Scholar), [Hailey Trawick](#), (English and Sociology), [Alexis Wiley](#) (Sociology and Psychology)




What if I have more questions?

The screenshot shows the University of San Diego Humanities Center website. The header includes the university logo, "Humanities Center", and navigation links for "Majors and Minors", "Graduate Programs", "Advising", and "Student Opportunities". A search bar and a "MENU" button are also visible. The main content area is titled "Collaborative Research" and features a paragraph explaining the center's mission. Below this, there are three featured programs: "Keck Undergraduate Humanities Research Fellows Program", "Faculty Interdisciplinary Startup (FIRSt) Grants", and "Collaborative Research Group Grants". Each program includes a small image and a brief description.

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Collaborative Research

The Humanities Center is proud to announce new collaborative research grant opportunities. Collaborative research grant opportunities aim to initiate, convene and promote exceptional opportunities for student-faculty-community partnerships centered on relevant humanities issues. These grants are for students and faculty working together in interdisciplinary research and creative work engaging the humanities.




Keck Undergraduate Humanities Research Fellows Program

Over an academic year and alongside a faculty advisor, Keck Fellows engage in research, scholarly activities, and/or creative work that advances the interdisciplinary humanities.



Faculty Interdisciplinary Startup (FIRSt) Grants

The FIRSt Grants program supports faculty-student research teams that develop collaborative research projects involving undergraduates and strongly engaging the humanities.



Collaborative Research Group Grants

Collaborative Research Groups encourage research collaboration among faculty and students to advance interdisciplinary activities involving the humanities at USD.

- Check the website
- Contact the Humanities Center

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Questions and Discussion