

Anne and Jim Rothenberg Fund for Humanities Research

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

First round applications are due **October 2, 2015**

Second round applications are due **February 26, 2016**

With generous support from Anne and Jim Rothenberg AB '68, funds to support research and publications in the humanities in the amount of \$200,000 per annum over the three academic years (2014-2017) have been made available to ladder faculty members across the University. This program will be administered by the same committee that administers the Provostial Fund for the Arts and Humanities. Application guidelines are provided below. Application is open to all ladder faculty engaged in research in the humanities, and awards will be made based on need.

This fund is intended to support new and ongoing research projects by Harvard ladder faculty in the humanities, both individual and collaborative projects. Costs associated with publication or any related forms of dissemination are eligible and up to \$50,000 of the annual available funding has been earmarked for this purpose. Proposals might include (but are by no means limited to) research for books, articles, performances, films, installations, translations, web-based projects, scholarly editions, databases, and any other form of scholarly writing or creative work. Proposals may (but need not) be interdisciplinary or cross-cultural in character. Expenses associated with travel to collections and archives, as well as travel to conferences, symposia, seminars, film festivals, and other scholarly gatherings are eligible. Expenses to pay research assistants are permitted, although faculty are asked to hire Harvard undergraduates or graduate students as research assistants. The committee hopes that it can fund proposals across all these categories, but if forced to choose, it will give priority to funding travel to do research over travel to present findings.

The committee for the Provostial Fund for the Arts and Humanities and the Rothenberg Fund for Humanities Research consists of faculty from various departments in the Arts and Humanities, and is chaired in 2015-2016 by Professor Stephanie Sandler of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. **Applications will be accepted twice in the course of the academic year: first round applications are due Friday, October 2, 2015; second-round applications are due Friday, February 26, 2016.** The Committee will meet within one month of the deadline and awards will be announced as soon as possible thereafter. The maximum amount to be awarded is \$7,500 per proposal, but the Committee also welcomes and encourages proposals that are more modest in nature: due to financial constraints, only a limited number of requests for the entire \$7,500 are likely to be funded in full. We expect that colleagues will be able to apply each of the next three years for these funds, and would welcome proposals for work that might stretch beyond the 2015-16 academic year. Unexpended funds will not need to be returned and would be rolled over for future use. When available, a record of successful use of prior awards from this fund will be taken into account. Normally, proposals received after the deadlines cannot be considered.

The Committee will favor proposals that:

- ✚ Challenge existing paradigms of knowledge in our various disciplines

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- ✚ Promote innovation and / or interdisciplinarity
- ✚ Clearly indicate how the funds will be spent

Proposals must include:

- ✚ A 1-2 page account of proposed research with the following information
 - Goals and scope of the project
 - Description of any collaborators
- ✚ Anticipated beginning and end date of the project
- ✚ Current balance in research account
- ✚ A detailed budget for the entire project, indicating how the funds will be allocated. Applicants should make explicit what other sources of funding have been or will be requested

Proposals should be submitted as an electronic attachment to arts-hum@fas.harvard.edu
Attn: Maysoon Hamdiyyah; Subject: Rothenberg Fund Research Proposal.