

FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

The University of Maine Humanities Center promotes the cultivation of cultural knowledge, intellectual curiosity, and critical and creative reflection at UMaine and throughout the state. The objectives of the UMHC Faculty Grant Program are (1) to advance the research, teaching, and professional development of UMaine humanities faculty, (2) to support meaningful collaborations between faculty and off-campus institutions and communities, and (3) to enhance intellectual engagement among faculty and students. The UMHC promotes a broad view of the humanities, inclusive of different disciplines (the arts, sciences, and social sciences) and diverse methods (academic research, creative practice, and community engagement) for inquiry about human experience and expression.

The UMHC Faculty Grant Program offers awards ranging from $500 to $2,500. We aim to support many kinds of research and/or collaborations and to encourage applications that propose innovative and aspirational humanities projects. The program funds projects such as:

* Individual faculty research
* Peer reading and/or writing groups
* Collaborations with schools or other organizations, both on and off the UMaine campus
* Conference development and execution
* Initiatives to better connect students with faculty activities

UMHC Faculty Grant funds are primarily intended to reimburse project-related expenses. Applicants must fill out either an Individual or Event UMHC Budget Form with specific expense estimates. Funds must be spent in the fiscal year for which they are awarded. For on-going events, a year-end report documenting remaining monies must be submitted. (See budget forms for further guidelines). At the completion of the funded project grant recipients must submit a one-page report that details the grant accomplishments.

Evaluation Process and Criteria

Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee made up of three members of the UMHC Faculty Advisory Board. The committee may reduce the award amount requested in order to support as many projects as possible.

The main evaluation criteria are:

* Is the Project Narrative clear and convincing?
* Does the project have evident humanities content?
* Will the project have a meaningful impact for faculty, students, and/or community partners?
* Can the project reasonably be accomplished as proposed?
* Are the proposed expenses in the budget appropriate?
* Some preference will be given to applications by non-tenured faculty in tenure-track positions and to those who have not received previous UMHC support.

To apply for a UMHC Faculty Grant email the following to UMHC Director Jennifer Moxley (Jennifer.Moxley@Maine.edu) by Friday December 2, 2016.

* UMHC Faculty Grant Application Form
* Event or Individual Budget Form
* Project Narrative (no more than three double-spaced pages)
* Brief CV (no more than five pages)