



FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Clement and Linda McGillicuddy 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 McGillicuddy Humanities Center 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 Center 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 McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grant Program offers awards ranging from \$500 to \$5000. 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 campus
- Conference development and execution
- Initiatives that connect students with faculty activities

McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grant funds are primarily intended to reimburse project-related expenses. Applicants must fill out either an Individual or Event MHC 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.

All McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grants are awarded in compliance with the University of Maine System Board of Trustees Policy Manual, [Section 209: Intellectual Property](#). Specifically, acceptance of an Award constitutes agreement and acceptance of all definitions and policies described in the [University of Maine System Statement of Policy Governing Patents and Copyrights](#). Please also note that administrative, production and promotional support for McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grant award projects is expected to be provided by the grantee's home department and is the responsibility of the grantee. The McGillicuddy Humanities Center looks

forward to collaborating with its grantees, but does not possess the personnel or resources to administratively support every grant project.

EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee made up of three members of the McGillicuddy Humanities Center 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 MHC support.

To apply for a McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grant email the following to Director Zach Ludington (zachary.r.ludington@maine.edu) by our spring deadline of March 17 for summer and fall projects, or the fall deadline of October 17 for the following academic year. The deadlines will remain the same annually.

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