Finding Funding for Humanities Research

Questions that this presentation will answer:

1) What is the difference between internal funding and sponsored research?
2) Where can I find internal funding for my research project?
3) Where can I find sponsored funding for my research project?
4) How do I initiate the process of applying for internal or sponsored funding for my research project?
5) What are some basic tips for writing a good grant proposal?
Where can I find internal funding for my humanities project?

1) Internal funding for humanities scholarship flows mostly through the College of LSA.

2) Links to the LSA Gateway do not function in Microsoft applications. To gain access to these resources, please manually access the LSA Gateway and follow the specified path.

3) University restrictions on travel and events due to COVID-19 apply to all University and LSA programs.
Internal Funding: Key Terms

1) UMOR = The University of Michigan Office of Research
2) PI = Principal Investigator
3) Humanities Collaboratory = The Humanities Collaboratory gives singularly generous grants to support innovative and ambitious forms of humanities scholarship.
4) FGA Program = The Faculty Grants and Awards Program is available through the LSA Dean’s Office and can provide funding support for research, scholarship, and creative activities.
5) Matching Funds = Funds contributed by a PI/department to a project may be “matched” through the College of LSA.
6) The LSA Gateway = A website with links to internal LSA resources. This website can be found at: https://gateway.lsa.umich.edu/
The LSA Faculty Grants & Awards (FGA) Program

https://gateway.lsa.umich.edu/research/funding.html
## The LSA Faculty Grants & Awards (FGA) Program

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<td>Supports travel to archives or other sites as a part of a research program.</td>
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<td>Provides support for major conferences, symposia, workshops to address important research issues and research frontiers.</td>
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<td>Sustains essential activities of a research project between external awards.</td>
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[LSA Gateway > Research > Funding > LSA Faculty Grants and Awards]
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Humanities Collaboratory

What would a half-million dollars do for your humanities research?

https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/collaboratory/
1. **Anti-Racism Grants**  
   *(Next Deadline: Tuesday, June 1, 2021)*

   **Purpose:**
   The OVPR Anti-Racism Grants aim to catalyze innovative research and scholarship efforts that will advance knowledge and understanding around complex societal racial inequalities that can inform actions to achieve equity and justice.

2. **Large-Scale Center and Initiative Planning Grants**  
   *(Next Deadline: Thursday, July 1, 2021)*

   **Purpose:**
   The OVPR Large-Scale Center and Initiative Planning Grants aim to promote impactful interdisciplinary research and to provide research teams with support for preparing and submitting competitive, external large-scale proposals.
UMOR RCI Program: Anti-Racism Grants

Purpose:
The OVPR Anti-Racism Grants aim to catalyze innovative research and scholarship efforts that will advance knowledge and understanding around complex societal racial inequalities that can inform actions to achieve equity and justice.

Deadline: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Eligibility:
All PI-eligible faculty from the Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses are eligible to apply.

Award:
Level 1 Grants: 5 grants (expected range $25,000-$50,000) for one-year period.
Level 2 Grants: 2 grants (up to $100,000) for up to 18 months duration.

Website: https://research.umich.edu/rci/anti-racism-grants
Purpose:
The OVPR Large-Scale Center and Initiative Planning Grants aim to promote impactful interdisciplinary research and to provide research teams with support for preparing and submitting competitive, external large-scale proposals (>\$5M).

Deadline: Thursday, July 1, 2021

Eligibility:
All PI-eligible faculty from the Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses are eligible to apply. Teams must include one lead PI and at least one co-PI from another school/college or unit. Applications must target a new, upcoming large-scale funding opportunity of at least \$5M. Renewals of existing center grants are not eligible.

Award: Up to 6 grants awarded per year at \$50K-100K each

Website: https://research.umich.edu/rci/large-scale-center-and-initiative-planning-grants
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant

**Purpose:**
The Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant is designed to support Rackham graduate students who need assistance to carry out research that advances their progress toward their degree.

**Deadline:**
Applications are accepted at any time and reviewed individually on a rolling basis by faculty reviewers. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks of processing time. Once approved, funds will be transferred to your graduate program.

**Award Description:**
- Master’s students are eligible for an award up to $1,500
- Precandidates are eligible for an award up to $1,500
- Candidates are eligible for an award up to $3,000

**Website:**
https://rackham.umich.edu/funding/funding-types/rackham-graduate-student-research-grant/
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<td>Michigan Humanities Award</td>
<td>A scholarly activity leave for one term with salary</td>
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<td>U-M Humanities Institute Faculty Fellowships</td>
<td>50 percent of a faculty member's salary and benefits up to a cap of $70,000</td>
<td>December 2021 (anticipated)</td>
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<td>U-M Humanities Institute Summer Faculty Fellowships</td>
<td>$6000 in additional pay or research funds</td>
<td>Jan. or Feb. 2022 (anticipated)</td>
<td>This fellowships supports eight weeks in residence at the Humanities Institute, pursuing research and participating in cross-disciplinary seminars. Tenured and tenure-track faculty and lecturers II/III/IV are eligible.</td>
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<td>ADVANCE SUCCEED</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>March 2022 (anticipated)</td>
<td>This program supports tenure-track and tenured faculty in the arts, humanities, and social sciences with career needs (e.g., research travel, childcare during research travel, book editing, professional development such as workshops, and supplies).</td>
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<td>Associate Professor Support Fund</td>
<td>$30,000 (amounts over $30k require 25% cost sharing)</td>
<td>March 2022 (anticipated)</td>
<td>This programs supports LSA associate professors to help them prepare for promotion to full professor. In the humanities, this program supports summer ninths, course “buy downs,” GSRAs, editing/translation work, or funds to travel to a distant site.</td>
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Sponsored Research at U-M

Where can I find sponsored research funding for my project?
What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is the company, entity, agency, or other party who designs and announces the research, typically funds the research, but may not actually conduct it. Research projects are typically funded by government (federal, state, local, or foreign) or private (industry, corporate, non-profit, or foundation) sponsors.
The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

https://www.neh.gov/grants

The NEH is a major funder of humanities research.

Familiarize yourself with the NEH website and their grant programs!
An Overview of NEH Programs

1. Collaborative Research: $250k
2. Fellowships: $60k
3. Summer Stipends: $6k
4. NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication: $30k-$60k
5. Digital Projects for the Public: $30k-$400k
6. Digital Humanities Advancement Grants: $50k-$325k
Sponsored Research: Fellowships

- American Council of Learned Societies: https://www.acls.org/
- National Humanities Center: https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/
- Guggenheim Foundation: https://www.gf.org/
- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (Harvard): https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/
- Stanford Humanities Center: http://shc.stanford.edu/fellowships
- The Getty Foundation: https://www.getty.edu/foundation/initiatives/residential/getty_scholars.html
- Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton): https://www.ias.edu/apply

**Important:** Fellowships should be run through your UM business office!

- This ensures that the fellowship is compliant with UM policies and procedures.
- This can help you if there are tax implications associated with the fellowship.
UMOR Email Lists for Potential Funding Opportunities

Sign up for newsletters to stay apprised of University of Michigan research, research administration, and research development matters. You may also wish to sign up for external sponsor email groups and alerts.

https://orsp.umich.edu/tools-resources/news-communications/newsletter-signup

The Research Blueprint includes funding opportunity notices and research development news:

https://umich.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=0547bd3e60f5be7f7e6e380f4&id=6e2c33301c&mc_cid=887fcc083d&mc_eid=349a8f912d
How do I initiate the process of applying for internal or sponsored funding for my research project?
The LSA Business Offices can help you apply for funding.

- Creating a Proposal Approval Form or an eGif Request.
- Budget preparation
- Review proposal documents for compliance with sponsor guidelines
- Coordinate proposal preparation with other institutions if necessary
- Project grant management

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The LSA Research Office can also help you navigate UM and sponsored research.

- Funding searches
- Proposal proofreading
- Help with research compliance issues
- Cost-sharing
- Final PAF approval for LSA
- Complex problem solving

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Foundation Relations can assist if you are applying to a foundation.

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How do you get your proposal to a sponsor?

**Step 1:** Identify a sponsor and work with your department Research Administrator (RA) to get started.

**Step 2:** Submit your proposal as part of a Proposal Approval Form (PAF) in the U-M eResearch Proposal Management System (eRPM).

**Step 3:** The PAF will route through various departments and offices for approvals before it goes to the U-M Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP) for Final Review.

**Step 4:** When all of the approvals are obtained, route the PAF to ORSP for review and final approval.

**Step 5:** ORSP is the signing official for the university, and will typically submit the proposal to the sponsor on your behalf.

You can find your RA through this website:
https://orsp.umich.edu/development-proposals/find-research-administrator-blue-pages

The Proposal Approval Form (PAF) can be found on eRPM. Your RA will know how to help with this.
https://eresearch.umich.edu/

You need approvals from your department, the departments of any of your collaborators, and the LSA Dean’s Office.

It’s a good idea to get this in as early as possible for the most thorough review from ORSP. If it’s too late, it may be at risk to not get to the sponsor on time.

https://orsp.umich.edu/route-submit-proposal/proposal-submission-deadline-policy
Grantwriting Tips

What are some basic tips for writing a good grant proposal?
Grantwriting Tips

1. Read and re-read the application guidelines and FAQs. Make sure you use proper headers and that you understand the review criteria.

2. Discuss suggested research ideas with your Program Officer, Department Chair, mentors, or faculty who have been successful with securing funding in the past.

3. Tips for talking to a program officer:
   • If you want to set up a call with your program officer, have your questions and/or summary of your project ready to go before the call. (If possible, send the summary to the program officer a few days in advance.)
   • General Questions can be sent via email.

4. Take advantage of resources offered on a sponsor’s website. These may include things like sample application narratives and budget templates.

5. Review the application deadlines, including internal deadlines, carefully. Internal deadlines will be earlier than the sponsor deadlines.
Using PIVOT to Search for Funding

If you want to search for funding on your own, PIVOT is a great place to start.
Research Funding Guide

- Single access point for grant-seeking resources
- Relevant to all disciplines
- Quick Links to Tools

http://guides.lib.umich.edu/researchfunding
PIVOT

- Multiple databases: Funding, Profiles, Conferences (!)

- Funding opportunities across disciplines and funder types

- Free Account Allows You to:
  - Save searches
  - Set up alerts
  - Share results

- Search Tips:
  - Use Advanced Search
  - Begin with broad searches
  - Create searches for specific funders
  - Use filters judiciously

https://apps.lib.umich.edu/database/link/11537
How to get to PIVOT

Step 1:
Go to the library homepage: https://www.lib.umich.edu/ and search for “PIVOT”

Step 2:
Click on “Go to database.”
Create your Pivot-RP Account

You must be affiliated with an institution that subscribes to Pivot-RP in order to create an account. There are two ways to create an account and access Pivot-RP. Some institutions allow you to use your institutional login credentials, or you may use your institutional email address as your user ID and create a password of your choosing.

Choose an option below. Once your account is created, you will receive a verification email.

Use Institution Login Credentials  OR  Use Email Address/Create Password

Already have an account? Sign in here
What kinds of projects will sponsors support?
Research Impact & Funding Opportunities

What does impact have to do with it?
What does “research impact” mean to you?
“The measurement of research impact is a contested research and political agenda that poses a complex academic question.”

No single definition!

- Only 23% of articles explicitly defined ‘research impact’
- 76% of those definitions came from external agencies (e.g., funding bodies)
Not something that happens to you, but a story you create.
Finding the right funding opportunity

“Designed to make outstanding humanities books available to a wide audience” (NEH ODH Fellowships Open Book Program)

“Supports digital projects throughout their lifecycles” (NEH ODH Digital Humanities Advancement Grants)

“Experiment with blended or online learning in the humanities” or “Encourage the flow of knowledge from universities and institutes into their communities and from their communities into their institutions” (Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Programs in Higher Learning)
Pitching your work to the funder

As always:

● Read the guidelines!
● Look at examples of successful narratives on the funder website
● Seek feedback from the appropriate program officer early (look for deadlines)
Pitching your work to the funder

- Who is evaluating you?
- What type of impact do they want to see?
- What outputs will demonstrate your project made this impact?
- What are the criteria by which these outputs will be evaluated?
- What metrics or indicators are appropriate evidence to show that your outputs meet or exceed the criteria?
Reporting out

- If you are awarded a grant, be sure to capture this on your CV (date, funder, amount, role)
- If the grant leads to a publication, a data set, and exhibit or similar, think about the links among all of these--can you and others connect the breadcrumbs?
- Register your ORCID and fill out your profile. This can help bring publications, data, grants awarded, etc. together
Additional resources to explore

- Altmetric and Altmetric Explorer Guide
- ORCID Guide
- Research Impact Challenge Guide
- Responsible Metrics Guide
- UMOR Office Research Development resources (including info about grant-writing support and sample proposal library)
Thank you! We look forward to your questions.
Contact us:

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Program Schedule (1 hour, 30 minutes total)

- Introductions and Announcements (Joe Bauer & Caitlin Pollock ~10 minutes)

- Introduction to UM internal funding and sponsored research funding (Ben ~15 minutes Presentation + 5 minutes Q&A)
  1. Internal Funding vs. Sponsored Research: What are the benefits and drawbacks?
  2. What does UM internal funding look like?
  3. What does sponsored research look like at UM?

- Using UM resources to track down funding (Paul ~ 15 minutes Presentation + 5 minutes Q&A)

- Talking about research impact (Rebecca ~15 minutes Presentation + 5 minutes Q&A)

- Final Q&A and Concluding Remarks (Joe and Caitlin ~10 minutes)
Goals – What do I want participants to get out of my portion of the workshop?

Participants will be able to:

• Distinguish between internal and sponsored research.
• Understand and access internal funding for humanities research.
• Recognize a few key external sponsors of humanities research.
• Initiate the sponsored research process at UM.
• Know the very basics on ‘tips and tricks’ for grantwriting.