



Tiffany Chung, *Stored in a Jar: Monsoon, Drowning Fish, Color of Water and the Floating World* (2011)

Call for Proposals

GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES For Artists and Community Organizations

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites seed grant proposals from **artists and community organizations** working on projects focusing on refugees. We seek innovative projects that fuse the critical with the creative and that centralize refugee perspectives, agency, and epistemologies. Projects to be undertaken by community organizations may include initiatives to strengthen refugee families or collaborations with critical stakeholders in the advancement of refugee concerns. For artists, we are especially interested in funding visual art and media works that are broadly defined. Such projects may include the making of films, artwork and installations, or digital media and design. 501(c) 3-designated community organizations are encouraged to apply in order to collaborate in the creation of art exhibits, film festivals, and workshops. Ongoing or long-term projects will be considered but projects in their initial stages during the grant year are preferred.

Funded by the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), the CRSC is a four-year initiative (2017-2020) that seeks to make the University of California the premier institution for critical refugee studies research, teaching and public initiatives.

The CRSC seeks to promote projects that trace the impact of colonialism, imperialism, and militarization on refugee movements and that integrate scholarly, policy, and artistic interests with refugees' everyday concerns.

Topics/Themes

Over the next four years, through multi-pronged initiatives, we will be exploring four different themes: time and space; land and water; secrets and stories; and wellbeing and resilience (*sanuk/sumud*).

In this inaugural year (2017-2018), priority will be given to artistic and community-based projects that focus on **Time and Space**, though we welcome all proposals that shift the reference point in refugee studies from that of state, humanitarian organizations, and policy makers to that of the refugees. We conceptualize time and space not as natural and fixed but materially and discursively produced through the expansion of empire, (neo)colonialism, and militarism, and unsettled and remade by the refugees. Possible projects include but are not limited to: geographies of displacement; refugee mobility; settler colonialism and refugee resettlement; detention, incarceration, deportation; refugee camps; waiting; refugee time; memory work; making/taking space; public and private space; community building, etc.

Grant Amount

Maximum amount of each award is \$10,000. This grant may be used as seed money to start a larger project or to complete smaller tasks of a larger project.

Due to the competitive selection process, the final amount awarded may vary and not be based on the proposed budget. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2018.

Requirements

Artists and community organizations not affiliated with any of the 10 Universities of California must independently find a UC faculty and/or an academic center to sponsor their work. A letter of support from a faculty member and/or the director of the academic center must be furnished along with the application. Community organizations must also show proof of 501(c) 3 status to be considered for the grant.

Restrictions

Candidates may apply to only one of the CRSC grant initiatives in the same funding cycle. Competitive candidates who do not receive funding this academic year are encouraged to reapply the following cycle.

Grant monies cannot be used for the purchase of computer equipment, books, and/or any other materials for personal use.

Outcomes

All grantees will be expected to submit a two-page report in July 2018 documenting the work conducted with the grant and present their work at a conference planned for Fall 2018 at UCLA.

Application Checklist

1) Application form at the following website:

<https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>

[If the link does not work, please copy and paste entire URL into your web browser.]

2) Cover sheet and budget (pdf format) [For template, see this link]

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB86tJOL6HzZgVVdNTmpKMjdBbmc/view?usp=sharing>

3) Statement of project (in pdf form; max 750 words) – Please identify specific outcomes that the funding will make possible.

4) CV (in pdf form; max 3 pages)

5) Letter of Support from UC faculty advisor (in pdf form)

Directions

Go to <https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>, and upload each of the following documents individually, using the following naming convention:

- Cover sheet and budget: lastname_firstname_coversheet.xlsx
- Statement of project: lastname_firstname_statement.pdf
- CV: lastname_firstname_CV.pdf
- Letter of Support: lastname_firstname_letter of support.pdf

Questions

For questions, please contact: criticalrefugeestudies@gmail.com

Deadline for proposals: May 15, 2017 by 5PM (PDT) via

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Award notifications: June 30, 2017 (anticipated)

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