



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

Call for Proposals

RESEARCH GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES For UC Faculty and Graduate Students

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites grant proposals from UC-affiliated **faculty and graduate students** working on scholarly projects that focus on refugees. We seek critical and innovative projects that center refugee perspectives, agency, and epistemologies.

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 teaching, research and public initiatives. The CRSC seeks to promote innovative scholarship that traces the impact of colonialism, imperialism, and militarization on refugee movements and that integrates 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 scholarly, 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. The grant can be used to fund research trips and/or as a stipend to provide scholars the time to complete the writing of a book chapter, conference paper, or journal article. Projects that integrate faculty collaborations with artists or community organizers are also possible. For details, please see the CRSC Call for Proposals for Artists and Community Organizations.

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.

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.

The Critical Refugee Studies Collective will not fund the purchase of computer equipment, books, or other materials that may be used 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 to present their academic findings 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/OB86tJOL6HzZgVWdNTmpKMjdBbmc/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
<https://www.formpl.us/form/6573028748034048>
Award notifications: June 30, 2017 (anticipated)

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