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Call for Proposals

2018 GRANTS IN CRITICAL REFUGEE STUDIES

For Community Organizations

Grant period: January 2018 through December 2018

Application deadline: by 5:00pm (PDT), Monday, October 16, 2017

The UC Critical Refugee Studies Collective (CRSC) invites grant proposals from **501(c)3-designated 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 undertaken by organizations may include initiatives to strengthen refugee community or collaborations with critical stakeholders in the advancement of refugee concerns. Proposals that involve collaboration between artists and 501(c)3-designated community organizations in the creation of such projects as art exhibits, film, festivals, and workshops are especially welcome. 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) committed to making the University of California the premier institution for critical refugee teaching, research 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 four years of our annual grant cycles, we are exploring four different themes: time and space; land and water; secrets and stories; and wellbeing and resilience (sanuk/sumud).

In this second of the four annual grant cycles, priority will be given to projects that focus on the theme of **Land and Water**, though we welcome all proposals that shift the reference point in refugee studies from that of the state, humanitarian organizations, and policy makers to that of the refugees. We conceptualize Land and Water generatively, as sources, resources and epistemologies. Land and water can be both life-giving and life-threatening, and they have therefore been central to refugee experience and agency. For refugees, land and water can then mark borders, not as geographical givens but as sites that are dynamic, contested, and rethought. The themes of land and water implicate forces such as settler colonialism, imperial expansion, and military destruction in refugee displacements and resettlements. They also signify embeddedness, journey, and new cartographies of home-making and belonging. Possible projects include, but are not limited to: displacement; mapping; refugee mobility; settler colonialism; militarization; indigeneity; foodways; environmentalism; refugee resettlement; deportation; climate change; gentrification, etc.

Grant Amount

Maximum amount of each award is $10,000. The grant can be used to complete an entire project, to provide seed money to start a larger project, or to accomplish 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 December 31, 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 for this cycle are encouraged to reapply in future cycles.

Grant monies cannot be used for the purchase of computer equipment, books, and/or any other materials for personal use. Purchases of equipment and other materials for the project must be pre-approved and will be considered the property of the University of California.

Eligibility and Requirements

Community organizations not affiliated with any of the campuses of the University of California system 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.

All research involving human subjects must be reviewed by the Office for the Protection of Human Subjects (OPHS) to ensure the protection of participants' rights and welfare in the research process.

Outcomes

All grantees will be expected to submit a progress report of approximately two pages, due in July 2018 documenting the work they are conducting with the grant. Grantees will also be expected to present their work, whether completed or in-progress, at a conference planned for Fall 2018 at UCLA. A final report must be submitted soon after the conclusion of the term of the grant.

Application Checklist

1) Application form at the following website:
https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000 [If the link does not work, please copy and paste entire URL into your web browser.]

2) Cover sheet

- Last name of PI

- First name of PI

- Name of organization (if relevant) and 501(c)3 number

- Project title

Primary Contact:

Phone

Email

3) Budget (as pdf)

4) Statement of project (as pdf; 750 words max.) – Please include last name, first name at the top of the page. Please identify specific outcomes that the funding will make possible.

5) CV of PI(s) (as pdf; 3 pages max.)

6) Letter of Support from UC faculty advisor (as pdf)

To Submit/Upload Materials:

Go to https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000, and upload each of the following documents individually, using the following naming convention to help our staff keep track of your materials:

•Cover sheet and budget: lastname_firstname_coversheet.pdf

•Statement of project: lastname_firstname_statement.pdf

•CV: lastname_firstname_CV.pdf

•Letter of Support: lastname_firstname_letter of support.pdf

Questions and Schedule

Please direct your questions to: criticalrefugeestudies@gmail.com.

   Deadline for proposals: October 16, 2017 by 5PM (PDT) via https://www.formpl.us/form/4654425178112000

   Award notifications: November 15, 2017 (anticipated).

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