Call for Proposals: Seed Grant Program
DEADLINE: April 13, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

The **Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict** (CSRC) advances multidisciplinary research and education on the dynamics of religion, conflict, and peace. It serves as a research hub that fosters exchange and collaboration across the university as well as with its broader publics—local, national, and global.

Program Goals:
CSRC's seed grant program supports the development of new ideas and innovative research by investing in ASU faculty who study religion, conflict, or peace. Research projects may be analytic, interpretive, or normative in nature and may include quantitative, qualitative, historical, and/or digital humanities approaches. Seed grants support projects whose applicants aspire to submit major grant proposals to an external (non-ASU) funding source or sources. Collaborative projects within ASU, or between ASU researchers and those at other institutions, are encouraged. We are particularly interested in projects that engage religion in relation to themes such as political discourse, ethics, democracy, citizenship, self-government, revolution, refugees, migration and immigration, civil society, science and technology, violent conflict, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding broadly construed. Other topics may also be proposed.

Program Details:
Tenured or tenure-track faculty or research professionals on continuing appointment are invited to apply. The size of the award will vary depending on the nature of the project with an upper limit of $10,000, reserved for those projects with a high likelihood of securing external funding. External proposals will be submitted to an external funding source within twelve to eighteen months of the award. Proposals to fund conferences will be considered if there is a clear plan for publication and funding from an external source.

Selection Criteria:
The selection committee will make awards based upon the following criteria: a) the significance of the project; b) the quality and feasibility of the proposal; c) the likelihood of a successful grant submission to an external agency; and d) the scholarly record or promise of the applicants.

Application Process:
Proposals should include the following four items:

1. Cover sheet indicating the following information:
   o Contact information for PI and any co-PIs
   o Title of project and amount of funding requested
   o List of current and pending funding at external funding agencies (e.g., NSF, NEH, USIP, etc.). Indicate title and funding program.
   o List of past, current, and pending funding by internal ASU sources (e.g., IHR, ISSR, CLAS). Indicate funding program and outcome of past funding
   o List of target funding agencies for the proposed project

2. Proposal of up to three pages in length (1,800 words maximum) that outlines the nature and significance of the project, methods, potential external funding sources, and an estimated timeline for the completion of the seed phase of the project and the grant submission.

3. One-page **Budget** with appropriate justification. Items such as the following can be supported:

- **Travel:** Expenses related to travel for research collections, data collection, or meetings with non-ASU research collaborators. Please indicate the probable locations, # days, and the relationship of the travel to the completion of the project. Estimated travel costs should be consistent with ASU travel policies.
- **Salary:** Summer salary for faculty, salary for other ASU personnel such as student research assistants (based on hourly salary), or salary for technical or support personnel needed to accomplish the project. The specific activity/need for each person should be indicated.
- **ERE (employee-related expenses/fringe benefits):** ERE should be calculated as a percentage of salary per current university rates. See: https://researchadmin.asu.edu/proposal-information-and-resources/salaries-wages-and-ere#Employee Related Expenses.
- **Books, reference material, and literature and data archive searches:** Identify anticipated sources and estimated costs.
- **Consultants/speakers:** Indicate probable consultants/speakers, rationale, anticipated fees or honoraria, and other associated expenses (e.g. travel).
- **Other:** Costs as appropriate to the accomplishment of the research project (e.g. miscellaneous costs associated with meetings or conferences) and consistent with ASU policies.

4. Two-page **CVs** for each faculty member involved should be attached to the proposal.

Application Timeline:
The application deadline is **April 13, 2020, 5:00 p.m.** Final funding terms will be negotiated between the Center and the awardee. Funds will be available immediately upon acceptance of the award. **Please direct inquiries and send applications to**:

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