RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR THE HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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OUTLINE

▸ Strategic Framework: Plan for Pitt
▸ Humanities & Social Sciences @ Pitt
▸ Research Support Structures
▸ Research Funding: External & Internal (university, centers, selective at School-level)

▸ not covered:
  ▸ most School-level funding mechanisms
  ▸ departmental research support
  ▸ specific external funding opportunities (agencies/foundations/corporations)
  ▸ IA
MISSION

THE PLAN FOR PITT

Planning Framework

- Offer superior educational programs
- Advance the frontiers of knowledge and creative endeavor
- Share expertise with private, community, and public partners

In advancing our mission, we will rank among the finest universities in the world, emphasizing as Strategic Priorities:

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GOAL 2: ENGAGE IN RESEARCH OF IMPACT

We aspire to be a university that advances the frontiers of knowledge and makes a positive impact on the world through collaborative and multidisciplinary approaches to research that focus on areas of great societal need.
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

- Arts and Sciences (Kenneth P. Dietrich School)
- Business (Katz)
- Computing and Information (SCI)
- Education
- Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Law
- Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)
- Social Work
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

- Senior Vice Chancellor for Research (SVCR)
- Office of Research (OR)
- IRB / HRPO
- University Research Council (URC)
- Schools and Colleges
- Departments, Programs, Centers
SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH (SVCR)

Rob A. Rutenbar

- leads University’s strategic vision for research and innovation
- works to expand technological and corporate partnerships
- manages all compliance and contract operations
OFFICE OF RESEARCH (OR)

Mission Statement
The Office of Research is a nexus of excellence for research resources. We are dedicated to partnering with the University of Pittsburgh research community to secure funding; exchange research materials, data, and ideas; and to build collaborations in an effort to foster creativity, scholarship, and innovation.

Charge
- reports to Senior Vice Chancellor for Research
- charged with assisting faculty, staff, and students in their efforts to promote and secure sponsored research funding
- reviews, negotiates, endorses, and provides administrative oversight related to proposals and awards in accordance with all applicable laws, policies and regulations
- VC for Research Operations serves as designated University Officer empowered for all sponsored research activities
Research Involving Human Subjects

IRB / HRPO
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL (URC)

- advocate for research
- reviews and assists in development of policies pertaining to the conduct of research, scholarship, and creative activities within the University
- faculty members broadly representative of research-oriented schools and departments
- members serve as research liaisons with their academic areas
RESEARCH FUNDING

▸ PIVOT: identifying funding and collaborators

▸ External Funding

▸ Internal Funding Opportunities

▸ Competition Space; limited submissions

▸ see also:

  ● OR: federal government databases

  ● OR and individual schools: information on grant-writing workshops
IDENTIFYING FUNDING (AND COLLABORATORS)

COS Pivot

- subscription database for funding opportunities from all disciplines including arts, humanities, health and medicine, social sciences, and sciences: small scholarships to center-level grants
- search for funding opportunities, filtered by type of sponsor, eligibility, etc
- University of Pittsburgh faculty, postdocs, graduate students can create accounts to save searches and receive funding alerts
- user profiles -> identify potential research collaborators
- Finding Funding Workshops: dates and registration info posted on OR site

Search COS Pivot | Learn how to use COS Pivot | COS Pivot YouTube Tutorials
RESEARCH FUNDING

Submission type
- Limited Submission: 4
- Other internal coord...: 2

Top funding types
- Program or Curriculum ...: 25
- Research: 11
- Training or Scholarshi...: 7
- Publishing or Editorial: 5
- Collaboration or Coope...: 2

Top sponsor types
- Federal, U.S.: 38

Top applicant types
- Academic Institution: 28
- Nonprofit: 24
- Government: 21
- Individuals: Mid-Career...: 12
- Individuals: Early Car...: 12

Top keywords
- General Humanities Topics: 19
- Humanities or Liberal ...: 12
- Arts and Humanities: 9
- Humanities Funding: 6
- Archival Preservation: 5

38 Results

- **Summer Seminars and Institutes for Higher Education Faculty**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Deadline: 24 Jan 2020
  - Other: Anticipated
  - Amount: $200,000 USD

- **National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Division of Preservation and Access
  - Deadline: 04 Dec 2019
  - Other: Anticipated
  - Amount: $325,000 USD

- **State Humanities Councils General Operating Support Grants**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Deadline: 01 May 2020
  - Application: Anticipated
  - Amount: $3,000,000 USD

- **LIMITED Summer Stipends**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Division of Research Programs
  - Deadline: 25 Sep 2019
  - Application: Confirmed
  - Amount: $6,000 USD

- **Summer Seminars and Institutes for K-12 Educators**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Deadline: 24 Jan 2020
  - Other: Anticipated
  - Amount: $200,000 USD

- **NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Deadline: 10 Apr 2020
  - Application: Anticipated
  - Amount: $60,000 USD

- **Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions**
  - National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
  - Deadline: 14 Jun 2020
  - Other: Anticipated
  - Amount: $100,000 USD
EXTERNAL FUNDING

- agencies
- foundations
- private philanthropy
- corporations
INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: UNIVERSITY

- Central Research Development Fund (CRDF)
- Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities
- Social Science Research Initiative (SSRI)
- Limited Submissions: Competition Space
CENTRAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND (CRDF) - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

**Purpose:**

- enhance opportunities for faculty, especially early career faculty, to engage in high-quality research, scholarship, and creative endeavors
- provide seed funding to develop ideas to the point where external funding can be obtained
- provide funding support that cannot be obtained from other sources (department, school, and external funding agencies).

**Eligibility:** full-time faculty members whose appointments include research responsibilities; for further requirements, see CRDF

**Budgets:** $2,000 to $16,000; duration of support limited to 2 years; ineligible expenses: support or supplement faculty salaries; travel to meetings and conferences

**Process:** typically advertised in spring, application materials available via Competition Space; for further details, see CRDF
INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES IN THE HUMANITIES

Purpose:

‣ support significant and innovative scholarship in the humanities and creative arts; support new scholarly projects or advance existing efforts.

Eligibility: individual or groups of T/TS Humanities faculty; joint proposals with faculty outside the Humanities provided Humanities faculty member is the lead scholar.

Budgets: proposals can request *typically up to $20,000*, but most will be funded at up to $10,000. Eligible research expenses as consistent with university policies: e.g., travel to archives, acquisition of materials, student research assistance, technical support.

Process: CFP typically early fall; applications via Competition Space due by mid-November; awards announced in December; funds to be expended throughout following calendar year.
SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

**Purpose:**

- expand the involvement of Social Scientists at Pitt in research questions that can be best addressed through interdisciplinary approaches within the Social Sciences or bridge Social Sciences and other fields.
- In unusual cases, integrative approaches that span sub-disciplines of a single Social Science discipline can be considered.

**Eligibility:** T/TS faculty in Social Science disciplines in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Katz Graduate School of Business, GSPIA, SCI, and the Schools of Education, Law, and Social Work must serve as the lead researcher. Research collaborators may be from other schools or units at Pitt or elsewhere. Collaborations that involve junior faculty are particularly encouraged, but mid-career and senior faculty are welcome to apply. Proposals should be submitted jointly by two or more faculty members, at least one of whom must be a Social Scientist as noted above.

Only proposals for new collaborations are eligible: these can be exploratory in nature, such as efforts to establish new research collaborations by inviting external speakers, creating a working paper series, or organizing a workshop. Proposals can also be aimed at building a research team, acquiring or collecting data for publication, or preparing proposals for external funding.

**Budgets:** maximum funding level: typically $50,000; it is anticipated that funding requests will vary depending on the nature of the projects proposed. Funds can be used to convene small conferences or workshops; support travel to conferences; hire a GSA to collect preliminary data, review literatures, or assist on grant preparation; pay for research expenses or research travel; or engage in other efforts likely to advance Social Science team research and/or strengthen applications for external funding.

**Process:** CFP typically early fall; application via Competition Space, due by mid-January; awards announced February; funds can be expended over a ca. 15-month period (from March to May of the following year).
Recently funded SSRI Projects

**The Vulnerability of Social Learning to Digital Disinformation (VLADD)**
Political Science, SCI/Department of Informatics and Networked Systems, GSPIA

**Innovative Strategies for Equitable Participation in STEAM (ISTEPS)**
School of Education, LRDC

**Leveraging Technology to Improve Psychological Interventions for Anxiety in Community Middle Schools**
Psychology, CHP

**The Global Glass Ceilings Dataset: Measuring Women's Access to Decision-making in Public Administration Worldwide**
Sociology, GSPIA

**Understanding the Development and Impact of "Neglected Diseases," 1950-present**
History, History and Philosophy of Science, School of Law
RESEARCH FUNDING

FUNDING APPLICATIONS: INTERNAL; LIMITED SUBMISSIONS

Competition Space

**Competition Space** provides University of Pittsburgh faculty and students with an online portal to streamline the process of finding, and applying for, special awards and research funding opportunities that require coordination within the University.

This easy-to-use, web-based interface provides detailed opportunity announcements as well as links to funder and program resources. Current internal funding announcements and opportunity details will now be posted to Competition Space.

Competition Space is accessible through the MyResources tab in the MyPitt portal as well as via the Office of Research website.

Apply to competitions by supplying your University of Pittsburgh username and password.

RECENT EXAMPLES OF LIMITED SUBMISSIONS

ANDREW W. MELLON SAWYER SEMINAR
NEH SUMMER STIPENDS
ANDREW W. MELLON NEW DIRECTIONS FELLOWSHIPS
INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: CENTERS

▸ UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (UCIS)
▸ HUMANITIES CENTER
▸ WORLD HISTORY CENTER
For an overview of UCIS funding opportunities, totaling more than $250,000 p.a., please click here.
Hewlett International Grants Program

Purpose:
- Help Pitt faculty in the development or completion of international projects. “International” is defined as relating to another country or culture, comparative analysis covering more than one country or culture, studies of international relations or of transnational activities, studies which examine global issues, or collaborative projects with partners around the world.
- Support Pitt faculty when delivering papers or presentations at conferences abroad, regardless of discipline or topic.

Faculty Fellowship

Purpose:
- Enable faculty members to undertake projects or acquire skills that enhance the University’s capabilities in some branch of international studies.
Global Academic Partnership (GAP)

Purpose:

- amplify the Global Studies Center’s transnational themes (global health, migration, cities in transformation) through interdisciplinary research collaborations, curriculum development, student exchanges, and other scholarly ties that enhance the University of Pittsburgh’s international profile; help Pitt faculty develop meaningful institutional partnerships with foreign universities, governments, international organizations, NGOs, and/or think-tanks.

Budget: $40,000 to support ongoing campus programming in a variety of innovative formats that enriches the intellectual environment at Pitt over the course of two years.

Global Studies Faculty Fellow

Purpose:

- advance and showcase the GSC’s research initiatives with special focus in AY 2019-20 on: Global Health, Migration, and Transformation of Cities.

Budgets: one course release; up to $15,000 to organize a scholarly event (e.g., workshop, conference, exhibition, performance, seminar, research collaboration); $5,000 for domestic and international travel, research, curricular development.
**Pitt Faculty Fellows:** faculty in HSS whose continuing appointments include research responsibilities; (minimum one course release). Applications typically due start of October.

**Pitt Senior Faculty Fellowship:** tenured faculty

**Collaborative Research Grants:** support projects that foster research across departments or institutions, including conferences and lectures; collaboration that enriches intellectual activity on campus and leads to concrete results. Budgets: up to $2,000 and $5,000 for smaller and larger grants respectively. Deadlines: typically late September and late January.

Visit the Humanities Center [website](#) for these and additional programmatic and funding opportunities.
INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

WORLD HISTORY CENTER

- faculty grants to support research and travel funding; scholarly event sponsorship
- sponsorship of visiting scholars
- for details of these and additional opportunities, visit [website](#) for deadlines and application procedures
SCHOOLS

- Arts and Sciences
- Business
- Computer and Information (SCI)
- Education
- Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Law
- Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)
- Social Work
KENNETH P. DIETRICHSCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Humanities and Social Science Research Fund
  - subventions for high-profile book publications
  - summer research stipends for untenured tenure-track faculty
  - symposia, conferences, performances
## Internal Funding for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity in Humanities & Social Sciences

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NB: Please check with each funding program for specific eligibility criteria that apply to applicants and expenses.

ASC: [Asian Studies Center (UCIS)](https://asiancenter.ucla.edu/)
ASP: [African Studies Program (UCIS)](https://africanstudies.ucla.edu/)
CLAS: [Center for Latin American Studies (UCIS)](https://cla.ucla.edu/)
CRDF: [Central Research Development Fund – Small Grants Program](https://research.ucla.edu/grants)
ESC: [European Studies Center (UCIS)](https://es.ucsc.edu/)
DS HSS Research Fund: [Dietrich School Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fund](https://dietrich.ucla.edu/research)
GSC: [Global Studies Center (UCIS)](https://globalstudies.ucla.edu/)
REEES: [Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies (UCIS)](https://ru.eurostudies.ucla.edu/)
SIPSAH: [Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activities in the Humanities](https://scholars.ucla.edu/)
SRG: [Dietrich School, Faculty Grants Committee Summer Research Grants](https://scholars.ucla.edu/)
SSRI: [Social Science Research Initiative](https://ssri.ucla.edu/)
UCIS: [University Center for International Studies](https://ucis.ucla.edu/)
WHC: [World History Center](https://whc.ucla.edu/)

SCHOOLS: RESEARCH LINKS

Arts & Sciences

Business

Computer and Information (SCI) Education

Law

Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

Social Work
SCHOOLS (EX. 1)

Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership
Instilling ethics, responsibility, service, and values in our public leaders.
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Center for Metropolitan Studies
Empowering students to address the world with intellect and openness.
LEARN MORE

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Conducting political and economic research to inform communities around the world.
LEARN MORE

Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies
Educating the next generation of security analysts.
LEARN MORE

Shale Gas Governance Center
Shaping the ways we approach energy and our environment.
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GSPIA
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES (CONNECT)
Collaborating to solve pressing policy issues for the betterment of our community.
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THE PHILANTHROPY FORUM
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LEARN MORE

FRANCES HESSELBEIN LEADERSHIP FORUM
Developing and enhancing the journey of incoming generations of leaders.
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GENDER INEQUALITY RESEARCH LAB (GIRL)
Collaborating on policy-relevant research to fight for gender equality.
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"There are so many amazing things going on at the School of Education. I feel lucky to have access to such a vast array of research, clinical and academic opportunities."

- Lori Porter

Partnership in Teacher Education

The Pitt School of Education has many partnerships with centers, institutes, and initiatives both on campus and regionally. The school has also developed some of its own centers to enhance the education of SOE students as well as those in local communities.

- Center for Urban Education
- Healthy Lifestyle Institute
- Institute for Learning
- Learning Policy Center (LPC)
- Learning Research & Development Center (LRDC)
- Motivation Center
- Office of Child Development (OCD)
- Phys. Activity & Weight Management Research Center
ALERT: FUNDING DEADLINE

- NEH Summer Stipend 2020 ($6,000)
- internal deadline: September 3, 2019
TAKEAWAYS

Strategize

Seek Support

Collaborate – Connect

Communicate, Share, Celebrate
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   Learn the skills and strategies that will help you to publish more research, win more grants, and manage your internal resistance to writing.

3. Healthy Relationships
   Learn how to manage your professional relationships and build a thriving network of mentors, sponsors, and collaborators.

4. Work-Life Balance
   Learn how to reduce your stress, prioritize your self-care, and find balance in your personal and professional life.
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