Center for Craft

Craft Research Fund - Project Grant
for Scholars

Grants up to $15,000 awarded to support projects that encourage, expand, and support scholarly craft research in the United States.

The Craft Research Fund - Project grant is one of four categories that make up the Craft Research Fund, a visionary program dedicated to supporting scholarly craft research in the United States. Since 2005 the Center annually grants $95,000 to academic researchers, independent scholars, curators, and graduate students writing, revising, and reclaiming the history of craft. In 2019 the Center added an additional $40,000 Artist Fellowship category to support the creation of new research and knowledge through craft practice.

Grant Goals

The Craft Research Fund was created to encourage, expand and support scholarly craft research in the United States.

Encourage
To encourage innovative research on critical issues in craft theory and history

Expand
To investigate neglected questions on craft history and criticism

Support
To support new cross-disciplinary approaches to scholarship in craft

Overview

Award Amount: Up to $15,000
Grant Period: 18 months

Timeline
Applications Open: June 2019
Deadline: October 1, 2019
Notification: December 2019
Grant Period Begins: January 2020
Grant Period Ends: June 2021

Eligibility

Proposals are welcome from academic researchers and independent scholars. Grant funds may be used for research related expenses including travel, honoraria for contributors, salary for independent researchers, and/or support documentation such as images or rights to use images or text, as part of the research *yet to be completed.*

The grant awards are not for the printing or dissemination of already completed research.

General overhead (indirect administrative expenses) is not eligible for university- based projects.

No capital equipment purchases are eligible for support.

Applicants must be able to receive taxable income for the duration of the grant and report this grant as income.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

This grant is intended to support scholarly research and is not for the creation of artwork.

Examples of scholarly craft research might include:
- Research providing new insight into work by historical or contemporary craft artists in the U.S.
- Projects presenting a new understanding of the relationship between hand-made production and digital technologies.
- Contributions to the history of the studio craft movement in the United States.
- Projects placing American craft in a global context.
- Or other topics that offer fresh perspectives within the field.

Requirements

- Seventy percent of the grant will be awarded upon execution of the grant agreement and receipt of the awardee's W9.
- Recipients will provide a status report on the project half way through the grant period (September 30, 2020).
- Recipients must provide content for at least one blog post.
- The final thirty percent of the grant will be awarded upon receipt of a final report to include a project narrative, a budget report and two copies of any publication produced as a result of the research grant. Project and final report must be completed in 18 months, with a deadline of July 31, 2021. If there is no publication, then provide a copy of the completed research in full.
- Recipients will acknowledge support from "Center for Craft Craft Research Fund"

in any publications or presentations resulting from the grant.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by staff of the Center for Craft for completeness and evaluated by peer-review of readers, who are recognized craft scholars, faculty and/or curators, free of any conflict of interest, based on the following criteria:
- If completed properly, the proposal will advance scholarship and knowledge on craft in the United States
- The plan for dissemination identifies the audience, is reasonable, and has supporting documentation as appropriate
- The project is feasible based on the timeline, expertise, and budget reflected in the application
- The project addresses the goals of the Craft Research Fund

How to Apply

Deadline
The application for 2020 Craft Research Fund - Project Grants must be submitted via SlideRoom no later than 11:59 pm EST on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Notification
Notification of the results will be sent via e-mail in December 2019 for a start date of January 1, 2020. The e-mail address listed on the application form will be used to send out notifications. Please be sure that it is a valid account that you check regularly.

How to Apply
Applicants must apply using the online application program SlideRoom at http://www.craftcreativitydesign.slideroom.com. Please review the sample application below before beginning your application. Please note there is a separate application for each Craft Research Fund category.

All applicants should create a login to be able to partially complete the form and return to finish it at a later date. Before submitting your application, you will be directed to a confirmation page where you will be able to review your form and return to edit or delete your uploaded files as needed. Once you submit your application, you will not be able to access your form again. Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the application form has been successfully submitted.

2020 Craft Research Fund – Project Grant SAMPLE APPLICATION
This is only a sample application, all applications much be completed in SlideRoom.

Cover sheet

1. Name (applicant/s and/or organization)
2. Title
3. Your Personal Website or Project Website
4. Grant Amount Requested (up to $15,000)
5. Are you over the age of 18 (yes or no)
6. Are you able to receive taxable income for the duration of the project period (yes or no)
7. Project Title (up to 15 words)
8. Summary of Research (no more than 50 words).

1. Application Summarize in one page (500 words):
   a. Research question and relevance to the advancement of craft in the United States
   b. Goals and objectives of the project
   c. Research methodology
   d. Outcome - Proposals must clearly identify the intended outcome of the research that will be completed within the 18 month grant period, including audiences and/or publishing opportunities. These may include stand-alone publications, peer-reviewed journals, papers presented at a scholarly conference, university colloquium or public forum, or online publications.
   e. Dissemination plan - If project includes an online or ongoing component please describe your sustainability maintenance plan.
2. Identify three other scholars who have written the most significant works on/around your topic, and describe how your work parallels and pushes the topic forward (500 words)
3. Timeline and schedule for completing the project. *Projects must be completed by June 30, 2021 (18 months from start date).*
4. Budget Form. Provided in SlideRoom.
5. Budget Narrative. Please provide a narrative for any budget items that require further explanation.
6. CV of relevant education and experience (no more than 2 pages).
7. The project description in (no more than 5 pages, in no less than 12 point type).
8. Bibliography with at least ten sources.
9. Please provide two letters of support. One letter of support from a scholar in the field who has expertise pertinent to the project and *is not* affiliated with this project and one letter of support from an institution, publication, organization, and/or participant, other than the applicant, who *is* affiliated with the project. References should be requested via SlideRoom and are due at the same time as the application, October 1 (11:59pm EST), 2019.
10. Optional page for image/s that compliment or add clarity to the proposal

FAQ

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What is the final deadline for submitting my online application form?
The application for 2020 Craft Research Fund Project Grants must be submitted via SlideRoom no later than 11:59 pm EST on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

May I mail a hard copy of my application materials to the Center for Craft's office?
No, hard copy submissions will not be accepted. The application must be completed and submitted through SlideRoom.

Can I work on my application and return to complete it at a later date?
Yes, creating a login account will enable you to complete the form in several online sessions.

I just submitted my application but I want to return to it and make an edit. Is this possible?
No, once your application is submitted, you will not be able to return to the form or change any submitted information. The application fee must also be paid at the time of submitting your application as you will not be able to log-in again to access the payment page again.

I have a question that wasn't answered. How can I reach the Center for Craft?
If you have any further questions, please contact grants@craftcreativitydesign.org.

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