

Research Infrastructure Awards for Departments and Research Groups

The Research Infrastructure Awards for Departments and Research Groups Program are intended to provide support for the development of research infrastructures within departments or research groups. Two competitions – one for departments in the sciences, and a second for departments in the arts, social sciences and humanities – will be held per academic year. A total of \$45,000 is available for each of the competitions per fiscal year. Funds must be expended or transferred to an appropriate non-restricted (GD) departmental account by June 30th of the year for which the award was provided.

ELIGIBILITY: Proposals may be submitted by departments or by research groups within or across departments, with the exception of the MSB. The definition of a research group is intentionally quite broad. In general, a research group is a collaborative body of scholars working together on a defined project or problem. Because such groups are defined in intellectual terms, they need not be established in any formal way. Research foci may be broad or specific. Groups should be under the direction of one or more members of the ordinary faculty. The involvement of graduate and/or undergraduate students is encouraged. Research groups may be housed within departments or extend across departmental lines. The Graduate School will accept submissions from both a department and intra-departmental research groups, and from multiple research groups within the same department. Decisions will be made by a subcommittee of faculty representing the Research Steering Committee/Internal Review Committee. At its discretion, this committee may move funds across the two competitions.

PURPOSES: Eligible purposes include the acquisition of instrumentation or research materials, the development of shared archives or databases, and the provision of research assistance and support. Since the disciplines involved are quite varied, we are not attempting to be overly specific with respect to purpose. However, it is presumed that the awards will be used to support the long-term development of a research infrastructure supportive of department or group research.

CRITERIA: Proposals will be evaluated in terms of the contribution that the proposed expenditures will make to the department or group's research infrastructure as measured by the number of researchers involved, the importance of the research activities which will be supported, and the potential for these resources to generate extramural grant support.

APPLICATION: The following will comprise the proposal application:

- A proposal of **no more than five pages, double-spaced** indicating the specific purposes to which the requested funds will be put, the specific research activities which will be enhanced by the award, and the budget needed to carryout the proposed activity. Since it is likely that the available funds will cover only a portion of the relevant costs, departments also should indicate how additional costs would be covered.

Questions regarding the Research Infrastructure Awards Program should be directed to Dr. Gerald Mara, Executive Associate Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, or Maria Snyder, Sr. Grants Administrator for the Humanities & Social/Behavioral Sciences.

DEADLINE: October 9, 2009

SUBMISSION: electronic submission via the Graduate School's Internal Proposal Routing System (IPRS): <http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gsas> www.gu_awards