

# Research Clusters 2020-21

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

solicits applications for the support of Research Clusters for the 2020-21 academic year. Research Clusters are groups of faculty and graduate students from different departments and disciplines with shared research interests and should undertake activities related to the mandate of the Institute:

- to facilitate meaningful dialogue on and exploration of Humanities-related themes across disciplinary boundaries
- to foster and promote interdisciplinary research in the Humanities
- to demonstrate a willingness to seek external funding for collaborative research

Successful groups will be awarded up to \$5,000 (subject to budgetary approval) annually in seed money, which can be used towards the costs of meetings, photocopying, visiting speakers, etc. Clusters will have access to space on the UMIH website, the UMIH blog, and to room 409 Tier Building for meetings, and they will receive some administrative support. As part of their activities, each group will be required to plan at least one public event for the Fall term and one for the Winter term during the 2020-21 academic year. Awards are granted annually, but may be renewable for a second year; two-year schedules are welcome.

### ELIGIBILITY

Research clusters must contain at least two U of M faculty members from the Faculty of Arts, ideally from two different departments. Clusters involving students, members of the community, or scholars at other universities are particularly welcome. Proposals must be on a humanities theme (defined in terms of both content and methodology). Clusters may receive UMIH funding for a maximum of three years in any consecutive six-year period. First- or second-year applications will be prioritized over third-year applications.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The UMIH Board of Management will act as the selection committee using the following criteria: (a) the qualifications of the applicants; (b) the significance of the proposed theme and its potential appeal to a wider humanities audience; (c) the proposed activities for the 2020-21 year; (d) the viability of the program and budget.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following materials must be submitted to the address below:

- a one-page curriculum vitae for each member of the cluster with one contact person clearly identified;
- a two-page (max.) proposal outlining the theme of the cluster and highlighting the original and interdisciplinary features of the proposal;
- a tentative outline of the activities to be undertaken by the cluster with preference given to activities leading to a tangible scholarly event such as a workshop, conference, speaker series, or publication;
- a one-page budget with justifications and indication of the potential sources of additional funds, if required.

Application materials will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba).

All application materials should be submitted to:  
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c/o Sabrina Sethi  
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phone: 204 474 9599 | fax: 204 474 7596 | email: [umih@umanitoba.ca](mailto:umih@umanitoba.ca)

The deadline for applications and all support material is **4 May 2020**.  
A decision will be made by mid-June 2020.