

UMIH RESEARCH CLUSTERS: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: Thursday, April 30th, 2026

The University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities is pleased to announce the annual call for submissions for the UMIH Research Clusters for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Eligibility

- Research clusters must contain at least two UM 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 could re-apply for another year. They 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 will act as the selection committee using the following criteria:

- the qualifications of the applicants;
- the significance of the proposed theme and its potential appeal to a wider humanities audience;
- the proposed activities for the coming year;
- the viability of the program and budget.

Award

Two Research Clusters will be awarded up to \$5,000 each (subject to budgetary approval) annually in seed money, which can be used toward 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. Clusters 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.

How to Apply

The following materials must be submitted:

- a one-page curriculum vitae for each member of the cluster with one contact person clearly identified;
- a maximum two-page 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 an 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 are to be submitted to:
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