

# University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities Advertisement for Research Clusters 2019-20

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

is soliciting applications for the support of Research Clusters for the 2017-18 academic year. Research Clusters are groups of faculty and graduate students from different departments and disciplines with shared research interests. Research Clusters 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 \$3,000 (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 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 2019-20 academic year. Awards are renewable for a second year providing that the group adheres to its application proposal, follows the guidelines for Institute for the Humanities Research Clusters, stays within its budget, and submits an updated program of events along with the final report.

### ELIGIBILITY

Research clusters must contain at least two University of Manitoba faculty members from the Faculty of Arts, ideally from two different departments. Clusters involving graduate 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). Research clusters may receive UMIH funding for a maximum of three years in any consecutive six-year period. Current UMIH Research Clusters that have had two years of support are welcome to apply for a third year; however, applications for a first or second year of research cluster funding will be prioritized in the selection process.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Members of 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 2019-20 year; (d) the viability of the program and budget.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following materials must be submitted to the address below:

- a short (one page) curriculum vitae for each member of the cluster with one contact person clearly identified;
- a two-page (maximum) 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 group with preference given to activities leading to a tangible scholarly event such as a workshop, conference, speaker series, or publication (new clusters are encouraged to propose activities for two years; although funding can only be allocated on an annual basis, the board will consider approving proposals for two-year programs in principle; previously established clusters may also propose activities for two years in cases where this will not lead them to exceed the maximum of three years of funding in any consecutive six-year period);
- a one-page budget with all budget items clearly justified 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). Please note that curricula vitae will be provided to members of the UMIH Board of Management participating in the selection process (board members do not participate in the selection process when they have a vested interest in a cluster).

All applications should be submitted to:

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phone: 204 474 9599 | fax: 204 474 7596 | email: [umih@umanitoba.ca](mailto:umih@umanitoba.ca)

The deadline for submissions and all supporting material is **3 May 2019**.  
A decision will be made by mid-June 2019.



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