



Washington University in St. Louis

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE, ETHNICITY & EQUITY

RESEARCH PILLAR: GRANTS

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (CRE²) Requests for Proposals: Small Grants

The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity (CRE²) invites proposals for transdisciplinary projects that enrich scholarly engagement related to the Center's mission and 2020–2023 themes:

- 1) Innovations in Understanding and Improving Health Equity;
- 2) Race and the Future of Democracy;
- 3) Global Migratory Representations, Histories, and Crises;
- 4) Visualizing Race and Ethnicity: Algorithms, Discourses, and Design; and
- 5) Legal, Spatial, and Political Justice

Our themes aim to focus scholarly attention on the myriad manifestations of race and ethnicity—locally, nationally, and globally—and to encourage research across the seven Washington University schools and many disciplines. The themes are not intended to exclude any scholarship, and we invite proposals for grants beyond these initial announced themes.

This solicitation provides information about one of the three principal CRE² grant programs, **Small Grants**, to support specific efforts to enhance scholarly engagement.

Eligibility

Only CRE² Faculty Affiliates, Graduate Student Affiliates, and Postdoctoral Affiliates, and Resident and Trainee Affiliates are eligible to apply for grants under this program. The principal investigator(s) must have applied for Affiliate status by the previous academic semester prior to submitting a grant application. Exceptions are granted for new faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and researchers, and residents and trainees who arrive during the semester of this RFP. Eligibility is limited to one CRE² grant program per year as principal investigator, with the exception of the Small Grants program.

SMALL GRANTS

The Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity offers a limited number of Small Grants **of up to \$1,000** to support activities related to the advancement of the CRE² mission, three CRE² pillars, and the 2020–2023 CRE² Programmatic Themes. The Small Grants program seeks to be responsive to the typical resource needs scholars face while undertaking research, exhibitions, and other creative works on the subjects of race and/or ethnicity. Examples include books, subventions, editing costs, research assistance, and travel for research or conferences. Small Grants are intended to help address immediate needs of the research community that may arise outside of larger grant opportunities for funding. Larger grant requests will remain the purview of other grant programs.

Proposal Format

Proposals should be no longer than one (1) page, including the identification of the basis of the scholarly activity (e.g., poster presentation of research on race/ethnicity), description of the resources needed (e.g., airfare, statistical software license), the event or where the resource will be needed (e.g., annual APPAM meeting in Denver), timing of the resource need (e.g., to secure professional editor during spring term), and the anticipated outcomes should the grant be provided (e.g., the dissemination of research, completion of final monograph draft). All Small Grant proposals that are approved for funding and involve the use of human subjects (e.g., payment or stipends to research participants) must obtain appropriate human subjects approval through the University's Institutional Review Board before CRE² funds are disbursed.

COVID-19 Contingencies: If the proposal includes travel plans, we encourage applicants to include one additional paragraph with an alternative research plan that does not include travel.

Grant Submission, Notification, and Award Period

Proposal submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis via email to cre2@wustl.edu with the subject heading "2021–2022 CRE² Small Grant Submission." Awards will be announced within two weeks of submission. Project funds must be used within six months. Requests for extensions will be granted only for unexpected circumstances.

Budget Guidelines

Budget items may include support for data entry, interviews, data acquisition, access to restricted-use data, travel costs related to data collection or meetings with collaborators, creative materials, and other reasonable costs. The Center will not pay for computer equipment when that computing can reasonably be accomplished with the existing equipment on campus. Note that travel-related grants may require the submission of a travel report and reimbursement of the grantee's airfare purchase after the conference is attended. Unspent funding at the end of the grant period will revert to the CRE² Small Grant pool unless a request for a time extension is submitted and the CRE² Co-directors approve the request. Budget Rationales should include outside resources (if any) that will be used to achieve the aims of the project.

Review and Selection

The CRE² Leadership Team will screen all submitted proposals to determine whether they align with the program's goals and will review qualifying proposals.

Monitoring and Grantee Obligations

The Center's Associate Director will monitor progress on Small Grants. Grantees will provide an expense report upon request. Grantees will submit a final progress report and any products of the grant within one (1) month after the end date of their grant period and will notify CRE² of any proposals and scholarly works subsequently submitted or awarded/accepted. Potential grant products and scholarly works include publications; grant proposals; recordings; installations or exhibits; documentation of conferences, symposia, or residencies; and scholarly awards or honors. All products generated with the support of a CRE² Small Grant will acknowledge the program using the statement, "This work has been funded by the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity at Washington University in St. Louis Small Grant program, but the views remain those of the authors."

The Center's Mission Statement

CRE² brings the research force of Washington University to study how race and ethnicity are integral to the most complex and challenging issues of our time. We believe in field-defining research, innovative learning, and strategic engagement that will transform scholarship, policy, and clinical interventions where race and ethnicity are at the center.