



College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

LAS Conference Support Program

Funds will be made available each year from the Annual Development Fund to support conferences involving national and international authorities on important topics of current or emerging scholarly interest. Requests for support should indicate how the conference is distinctive from others and clearly explain scholarly content (i.e., the new intellectual questions that are being addressed).

Conference Objectives:

--The format may vary, but the general intent is to foster small working conferences comprising perhaps 8 to 12 of the leading figures in the selected area.

--Participants should be expected to present original papers, prepared and made available in advance of the conference and open to critique from others.

--Participants should include UIUC faculty members.

--Priority will be given during the review process to conferences of an interdisciplinary nature.

--Papers presented at the conference should be published, or otherwise disseminated in a way that will bring the widest possible attention to scholarship generated on the UIUC campus. One aspect of the budget for the event, then, may be support for publication, in order to encourage swift production of a timely and important volume of studies.

--Arrangements must be made for interested UIUC faculty and graduate student attendance. Planning should be advertised to the public at large and include public lectures by some of the participants, receptions in the relevant departments and similar activities, in order to introduce the visiting scholars to the campus and its resources.

--This program will not generally support conferences that are held annually.

Proposals:

--Proposals should be submitted by UIUC LAS tenured or tenure-track faculty members.

--Please use the transmittal sheet provided.

--Proposals should include 1) conference description; 2) a draft of the conference program; and 3) list of invites with notes on their expertise and their affiliation.

--Executive Officers (and School Directors where applicable) must review and comment on the institutional value of the proposal.

--The Executive Committee of the College will review all proposals.

Budget:

--Conferences supported under this program generally are held on a total budget ranging from \$7,500 to \$20,000, including travel (international travel or broader than average scope tend to account for budgets exceeding \$10,000-\$12,000). Support from the LAS Conference Support Program will be no more than \$5,000.

--Honoraria are not covered by this program.

-- Each proposal must include a budget *and* indicate support from other sources (e.g., outside foundation or agency funds, departmental funds, MillerComm, IPS, IPRH, Research Board); a substantial portion of the funds are expected to come from non-LAS College sources.

Annual Deadlines:

Proposals should be submitted at least nine months ahead of the proposed date of the event.

Our annual deadlines are as follows:

October 1

February 1

Please contact the LAS Office of the Dean at (217) 333-1350 with any questions.