**Individual Research Projects**

The goal of the Individual Research Project is to encourage and facilitate cultural research conducted by Associates of the Center for Cross Cultural Research. Projects are expected to reflect explorations of culture that depart from Associates’ individual programs of research and should have the potential to lead to future collaborative projects within the CCCR.

**Funding Guidelines**

- **Eligibility:**
  - Any active CCCR Associate who has not received Individual Research Project funding within the previous four years may serve as Principal Investigator (PI)

- **Process:**
  - Proposal Presentation
    - Prior to submitting a formal proposal, the applicant will present an overview of their project to the Center, and Associates may provide feedback.
    - Presentations of funding proposals should include the connection between the project and the Center mission.
  - After presentation and feedback, the applicant will submit a written proposal application that will be evaluated by the Director and Advisory Board (see below)
    - When an applicant is also an Advisory Board member, a replacement reviewer will be recruited by the Director from Associates to assist with evaluation
  - Project is approved by a majority vote among Advisory Board and Director, pending sufficient funds
    - Project approval does not result in immediate funding for all expenses but carries understanding that applicants will properly justify specific requests within context of project goals at the appropriate time
    - Subsequent funding requests must be submitted to Director for approval (who consults with Advisory Board as needed)

- **Funding**
  - Up to $5,000 is available per Individual Research Project
  - Eligible Expenditures
    - Summer compensation for PI
    - Research-related materials, training, & travel
    - Participation payment
    - Travel for dissemination of research (e.g., conferences)
  - Project approval does not result in immediate funding for all expenses but carries understanding that the PI will properly justify specific requests within context of project goals at the time of need
    - Subsequent funding requests must be submitted to Director for approval (who consults with Advisory Board as needed)
- The number of awards per year is based on available funding.
Application Instructions

Applications should not exceed 5 pages and include:

- Brief description of each applicant’s recent activity within the CCCR

- Detailed project description that addresses the following evaluation criteria:
  1. Theoretical foundation
     a. What are the relevant cultural and psychological variables and processes?
  2. Specific goals for data collection
     a. How does the project involve systematic observation that establishes and respects relationships between researchers and participants?
  3. Clear responsibilities for the Principal Investigator
     a. What are the expectations for the Associate within the project?
     b. How does the proposed budget meet the project objectives?
  4. Tangible outcomes
     a. How will this project serve and enhance the Mission of the Center and the professional standing of the applicants?
  5. References for work cited

- Expected timeline of research activity

- The expected budget that includes description and justification detailing each expenditure