2018-2019 Individual Research Seed Grant Application

Objectives of Individual Research
The Program for Transborder Communities (PTC) Individual Research Seed Grant supports academic year-long efforts by Arizona State University (ASU) faculty pursuing a research project focused on transborder communities and critical social, cultural, economic, political and environmental processes occurring at the intersection of borders and society. While the main focus of PTC is the US-Mexico borderlands, applications focusing on other border regions of the world will be considered if they directly contribute to the understanding of transborder communities and processes.

Individual research seed grants are platforms to support and enhance existing faculty expertise and/or to examine the changing needs and growing cultural, political, environmental, and economic influence of Latinos/as and transborder communities in the US-Mexico borderlands. Ultimately, individual research grant recipients are expected to contribute to the development of a collective and sustainable research program on transborder studies by initiating projects that have good prospects of obtaining external funding.

Individual research seed grant recipients may receive up to $3,000 per project to cover research materials, travel, and/or supplies.

During the course of the year of funding, individual research grant recipients are expected to submit a halfway progress report, a final report due 60 days after the funding period end date, make a public presentation in the PTC seminar, and acknowledge/credit PTC in publications and other activities produced with the support of the Individual Research Seed Grant. The funds and support provided by PTC should eventually result in at least one funded research proposal linked to an external funding source. Deliverable is a grant proposal to be submitted for consideration to an external funding entity within twelve months of receiving the award.

Eligibility
This cycle is open to faculty at any of the ASU campuses who are eligible to submit grants to external funding agencies.

Review process and selection criteria
Three individual research seed grants will be awarded. Submitted proposals will be peer-reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee using the following criteria:

- Robustness and consistency of individual’s work plan (goals, activities, calendar, and implementation).
- The investigator’s capability to undertake the research goals.
- Potential of funding from external agencies.

Individual Research Funding Information
Awards are for a 12-month, fiscal year period and no extension will be granted. Allowable expenses are travel reimbursements, including field and archival research, and research materials and supplies. Non-allowable expenses are meals/food/water/drinks not associated with in travel status per diem.

Application Submission Instructions
The deadline for the PTC 2018-2019 individual research application is Friday, May 4, 2018 at 5 p.m. MT. Please submit one electronic copy of the application materials (preferably PDF format) to ptc@asu.edu. For additional information, please email PTC at the email address above.
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1. Name, Academic Rank, Academic Unit of Applicant.

2. Title of Proposed Research Project:

3. Project Narrative
   • A two-page description of the work to be done (approximately 750-1,000 words) describing goals, activities, and strategies, as well as the contributions of the proposal to the understanding of transborder communities and processes along the US-Mexico border region and/or other borders.
   • A list of relevant bibliographic references.
   • A timeline to accomplish the goals of the proposal, not to exceed one page (approximately 500 words).
   • A budget narrative of how seed grant funds will be used throughout the funding period, not to exceed one page (approximately 500 words).
   • A two-page C.V.

4. External Funding:
   • One-page statement (approximately 500 words) describing the external funding agencies that the researcher will apply to, the external agency deadlines, and why these funding agencies are appropriate for this project.

   Signature of the applicant*:

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   Signature of the unit head(s)*:

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*Signature of the applicant indicates that the applicant agrees to submit a proposal for external funding through ORSPA, or Limited Submissions, if applicable. PTC seed grant recipients agree to pursue external funding exceeding the value of their PTC award and to include the School of Transborder Studies as a Unit in their allocations on relevant ASU forms when they apply for external funding. Seed recipients agree to allocate a minimum of 4%. This rate may increase if there is significant STS/PTC staff or faculty involvement anticipated during pre-award or post-award phases of the project. Once received funding exceeds that of the PTC seed grant, recipients will allow a nominal amount of allocations to STS (1%) for tracking purposes for all grants related to their PTC funded research.