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IHGC Faculty Fellows, Humanities Lab, and Sponsored Working Groups 2025–2027

Call for Applications and Proposals

IHGC invites proposals from faculty engaged in research in the arts, humanities, and interpretive social sciences. IHGC offers three competitive programs: the Faculty Fellows Program, the Humanities Labs, and the Sponsored Working Groups.

To help applicants prepare for the process, the IHGC will offer a virtual information session on Friday, February 7, at 2:00PM. The meeting link is here.

FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures (IHGC) invites applications for two IHGC Fellowships for academic years 2025–27. The IHGC Fellows Program is open to tenure-track faculty in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences who work in any discipline and/or field of the humanities, arts, and interpretive social sciences. Fellows will engage in a scholarly research project with a clear outcome that aligns with current IHGC labs, activities, and/or initiatives.

Fellows will receive one course release from their departments and $2,500 per year in research funding from IHGC. Additional funds up to $5,000 will be available to Fellows for programming (conference, workshop, invited lecture, or other activities) related to their project; this is expected to be used during the fellowship term. Fellows are expected to attend and participate in IHGC lectures and events as actively engaged members of the IHGC community. By offering their support, Department Chairs acknowledge that one course release for Fellows will be taken during their fellowship, after the Fall 2025 semester.

APPLICATION FORMAT

Applications should be submitted as a single **pdf** file and include:

1. One- to two-page statement on activities to be undertaken during the fellowship;

2. Statement identifying current IHGC-supported initiatives to which the fellow will contribute;
3. A brief draft outline and budget for a proposed scholarly project, as well as any programming that the Fellow will undertake;
4. Abbreviated CV (maximum 10 pages);
5. Names and contact information of two references;
6. Statement of support from the Chair of relevant department or program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Fellowship applications will be selected based on:

1. Quality of the research proposal;
2. Alignment with current IHGC programming and initiatives;
3. Potential for program innovation and community building.

Application Deadline: Friday March 7, 2025, at 5:00PM. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by April 11, 2025. Please submit applications to IHGC Intermediate Administrative Assistant Anne Gilliam at alg2u@virginia.edu. Please contact IHGC Director Jack W. Chen at jwchen@virginia.edu if you have questions about the Fellowships program. For current and past IHGC fellows, see here.

HUMANITIES LABS

The Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures (IHGC) invites proposals for one Humanities Lab starting in Fall 2025 and running through Spring 2027. Humanities Labs are spaces for collaborative, interdisciplinary and experimental work. The call is open to tenured faculty members in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences working in any discipline and/or fields of the arts, humanities, and interpretive social sciences (a Lab may be proposed by either a single tenured faculty member or two tenured faculty members.) The one Lab selected, to be based at IHGC, will be funded for a maximum of $30,000 to support programming for up to two academic years (Fall 2025 through Spring 2027). The Lab leader(s) will receive research funds of $2,500 per year, to be made available at the start of Fall 2025. Existing Labs and research networks are not eligible.

Proposals for the Lab should be organized around a research question and objective that would benefit from interdisciplinary engagement, and outline a vision and plan of activities over two years. The Lab proposal should address emerging theoretical questions, new research methods, and/or innovative models of public engagement. Lab programming could include workshops, invited lectures, seminars, exhibitions, performances, podcasts, and community-focused initiatives. The participants will work in designated IHGC Lab spaces.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

The successful proposal will be funded for an initial $15,000 for the first year. An additional $15,000 for the second year will be made available following a report on activities for the first year and the approval of the IHGC Board. This amount may be used to cover regular scholarly expenses such as meals for meetings, subventions for publication, and workshop and invited lecturer costs (e.g. travel, hotel, honoraria, and meals related to the event). Lab leaders are encouraged to supplement their award with funding from other UVA sources (e.g. CGII, Dean's Office, Page-Barbour) and develop external grant proposals.

Proposals should be submitted as a single **pdf** file and include:

1. One page description of the proposed theme and its conceptual/interdisciplinary parameters, including key research questions, identification of areas of curricular development, and planned outcomes/deliverables;
2. Proposed core membership of the Lab (minimum of 8), with a reasonable mix of faculty, academic staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students;
3. Plan for research collaboration and programming over two years, including meetings, symposia, workshops, and outcomes/deliverables;
4. Abbreviated CV(s) of the Lab leader(s);
5. Proposed budget for two years, broken down by year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be assessed based on:

1. Originality, creativity, and overall quality of the proposal;
2. Scale of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research engagement;
3. Potential for curricular innovation;
4. Quality and range of the programming proposed;
5. Alignment with current IHGC programming and initiatives;
6. Viability of the program in relation to the budget.

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SPONSORED WORKING GROUPS

The Institute of the Humanities & Global Cultures (IHGC) invites proposals for Sponsored Working Groups that are organized around shared scholarly interests and objectives, starting Fall 2025. The call is open to all faculty and academic staff in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences working in any discipline and/or field of the humanities, arts, and interpretive social

sciences. Existing working groups are eligible to apply. The maximum award for a Sponsored Working Group will be $5,000 for one year with the possibility of renewal. The funding might support an invited lecture, books, and food and nonalcoholic drinks for working sessions.

Proposals for Sponsored Working Groups should be organized around an overarching theme and outline a vision and plan of activities for one year. Sponsored Working Groups may take the form of seminars, reading groups, manuscript workshops, or other activities. Each Sponsored Working Group should have a minimum of five or six core participants, who will work in designated IHGC spaces. Preference will be given to proposals that speak beyond the disciplinary interests of a single department and include academic staff and graduate students. Group leaders are encouraged to supplement their award with funding from other sources (e.g. CGII, Page-Barbour, other Departments, Institutes, and Centers).

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Proposals should be submitted as a single **pdf** file and include:

1. One page description of the proposed theme and its conceptual/interdisciplinary parameters;
2. Activities to be undertaken by the group during the funding year;
3. Proposed core membership of the group (at least 5-6 members);
4. Abbreviated CV(s) of the group leader(s);
5. Proposed budget for one year, with a maximum of $5,000.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be assessed based on:

1. Originality, creativity, and overall quality of the proposal;
2. Potential for interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research or curricular development;
3. Quality and range of the programming proposed;
4. Viability of the program in relation to the budget.

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