

Call for Proposals Library Enhancement Program in the Humanities (2012)

The Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere, with the support of the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, is making available to faculty members at the University of Florida several grants up to the amount of \$5,000 to acquire library resources, print, digital, or audio-visual media, in a field of study in or related to the humanities disciplines but not currently well-served by the University's collections. These resources are intended to enhance scholarly research and teaching in the humanities as well as affiliated fields.

In addition to providing an explanation of the disciplinary or multi-disciplinary needs to be met by these purchases, individual or collective applicants are asked to submit to the Center an itemized bibliography, filmography, or detailed description of the items to be digitized, with a rough estimate of the cost of each of these works. Applicants should ascertain before applying whether these items are already owned by the University of Florida libraries. In the case of digital acquisitions, the applicant should work in advance with Laurie Taylor, librarian of UF's Digital Collections, to see if the proposed plan is feasible from the perspective of the UF Libraries. In areas in which sufficient funds already exist to make such purchases, these resources should be used prior to those of the Center. (To determine the last matter, please consult with your area librarian.)

Priority will be given to applicants who do not have access to start-up funds or endowed research accounts. Requests that could potentially serve existing constituencies of the University beyond the immediate applicants will likewise be ranked more highly than those that do not. Whenever possible, proposed acquisitions should also benefit students at the University of Florida and/or members of the community.

Proposal Format

The Center is soliciting proposals due Friday, 18 November 2011 so that requested materials may be purchased by the appropriate libraries in Summer 2012. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length apart from the budget page(s) with a list of the specific items to be purchased. The proposal must address the following matters:

1. the specific project or field(s) the resources will support;
2. how the acquisitions will complement or extend existing library collections;
3. the potential constituencies that will benefit from the purchases;
4. a separate, detailed, and ranked list of desired acquisitions and their estimated cost.

Proposal Due Date

Friday, 18 November 2011 5:00 PM

Please submit proposals by electronic attachment to the Center Director, Bonnie Effros, at humanities-center@ufl.edu. We strongly encourage applicants with non-traditional or digital proposals to write to Prof. Effros in advance with draft proposals (but these must be submitted more than a week prior to the deadline). Applicants will be notified in early January 2012 regarding the status of their proposals.