

Call for Proposals: Gunlogson Fund

The Institute for Regional Studies solicits proposals for funds of up to \$5,000 from the Gunlogson Endowment to support research and creative activity related to the fund's purposes. Up to three awards are made each year.

Purposes

The purposes of this fund include:

- Supporting the archives and publications of the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies
- Advancing general university outreach through Institute-related activities
- Enhancing NDSU's land-grant mission through projects that preserve the cultural history of the region

While projects that meet any of these three purposes will be considered, preference is given to projects that plan to use the archives of the Institute for Regional Studies and/or publish with the NDSU Press. Funds are jointly awarded by the NDSU Libraries and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Eligibility

Any scholar working with Institute archival materials, doing work related to the region's cultural history, and/or proposing to publish with the NDSU Press is eligible to apply for funding. This includes but is not limited to tenure-track and tenured faculty, visiting scholars, professors of practice, and graduate students.

Proposal Components

Proposals should include:

1. A cover page with the project's title and contact information for each applicant. Applicant name(s) should not appear on subsequent pages of the proposal, but the proposal's title and page numbers should be included on each page.
2. An abstract of no more than 150 words summarizing the narrative, the work plan, and the budget.
3. A narrative of up to 1000 words outlining:
 - The research question(s) or project focus
 - The project's place in contemporary scholarly conversations
 - How the project's objectives align with the Gunlogson fund's purposes, including how the Institute's archival materials may inform the research or creative work
 - Methods that will shape the project
4. A work plan of no more than 350 words, including:
 - A timeline for completion of the proposed work (starting January 15 and concluding by December 15)
 - A plan for disseminating the proposed work, with preference given to projects that would be submitted to the NDSU Press for possible publication
 - A plan for using these funds to seed external research funding (as applicable)
5. A budget and budget rationale of no more than one page. If you plan to include a graduate student stipend in your budget, please consult with Jenna Reno regarding GA compensation policies.

Submission

Proposals are due by 5 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022. Proposals should be submitted via email to jenna.reno@ndsu.edu.

Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- The project's potential to effectively use and publicize the Institute's collection, with a preference for projects that the Institute might publish
- The project's potential to extend scholarship in its field(s)
- The appropriateness of proposed research methods to answer the project's central question(s)
- The strength of the budget and budget rationale (detailed budget with clear justification for each item)
- The project's potential for receiving external funding from the identified source(s)

Grant recipients will be invited to present their research as part of the Libraries' Speaker Series.