



## MSU C4I Weekly Newsletter

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### C4I News & Events

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We're continuing to program virtual events and opportunities here at MSU C4I through Spring 2022. If you are interested in giving a virtual webinar or presentation, please email Dr. Stephanie E. Vasko (C4I Managing Director) at [vaskoste@msu.edu](mailto:vaskoste@msu.edu).

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#### **We Need YOUR Help!: MSU C4I Website Survey**

We here at MSU C4I are working on updating our website. If you have a few minutes to spare, please take our survey which can be found [here](#).

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#### **C4I Seed Grant Program Announcement**

The MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity (C4I) will be awarding 3 seed grants of up to \$10,000 each to teams pursuing humanities or arts-based research projects that are inter- or transdisciplinary in nature. These grants are meant to launch imaginative, innovative, and explicitly inter- or transdisciplinary projects that center the arts and/or humanities. Proposed projects must have a C4I Affiliate Faculty Member as the project leader.

C4I understands 'inter- or transdisciplinary' to refer to projects that either combine different ways of knowing from within the academy (i.e., interdisciplinary) or from both within the academy and from outside of it (i.e., transdisciplinary). As seed grants, we expect the funded work to lead to future inter- or transdisciplinary efforts that expand project outcomes.

Application materials (as listed below) must be submitted in the order below as one PDF file ("ProjectLeader-NAME\_C4I Seed Grant Application.pdf") to [c4i@msu.edu](mailto:c4i@msu.edu) by 11:59PM EST on January 31, 2022:

- Project abstract (maximum length: 200 words)
- Brief, 2-page Curriculum Vitae for each team member
- Project description (maximum length: 2000 words)
- Detailed budget narrative that specifies expenses and expenditure timeline (1 page)

Applications will be evaluated by a committee consisting of C4I Leadership based on the following criteria:

1. Inter- or transdisciplinary nature of proposal: what different ways of knowing are combined in the project, and how are they combined?
2. Description of how humanities and or the arts are centered in the work: what humanistic or artistic perspectives are involved, and how do they provide a foundation for the project?
3. Innovative and imaginative thinking: how does this project differ from existing projects, and how will it change how we think about its topic?
4. Reasonable and manageable expenditure plan: how do the planned expenses support the project, and is there a spending plan that is manageable within the term of the funding period?
5. Dissemination plan: how will the project team disseminate the results of the project, and what is the audience for the project?
6. Potential for future success: what does success look like for this project? (This can include, but is not limited to, future funding from extramural sources.)

Notifications of the committee's decisions will be sent by February 14, 2022. Selected awardees will have their project abstracts published on the C4I website. Grants will be for the period from 2/14/2022 to 5/30/2023. Grantees will be required to provide C4I with a project report on 5/30/2023; this report will also be posted to the C4I website. Grantees will charge project expenses to a C4I subaccount that is home to the grant funds. Unspent funds will revert to C4I on 8/15/2023.

Please direct questions about this program to Michael O'Rourke, Director of C4I, [orourk51@msu.edu](mailto:orourk51@msu.edu).

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