The Georgia State University Center for Human Rights and Democracy invites proposals requesting funds to support research, grant seeking, and other scholarly activities. Each year funds are allocated to support the capacity of Center-affiliated faculty to produce scholarly or creative products examining the intersection of human rights and democracy. Fundable activities may include travel (airfare, lodging, food, visas, and conference registration), research materials, artistic supplies, graduate research assistance, service provisions (such as translation), publishing licenses, duplication services, computer software or hardware. These expenses should directly support the outcome of the project. The outcome of a project sponsored with a grant from the CHRD could be a grant application, a conference presentation, a published journal article, a published book, a public exhibition, screening or performance of a work of art, film or play. Supported projects that are disseminated and reviewed or juried by peers are encouraged from all disciplines. Regular awards are limited to a maximum of $1000 per faculty member. An additional award in 2011-12 will be allocated to a team of faculty researchers (i.e., at least two) with the specific purpose of facilitating effort that will lead directly to the production and submission of an external grant proposal.

1. Award for Collaborative External Grant Seeking

One award (maximum $5,000). The purpose is to support a range of activities leading to the writing and submission of at least one proposal for extramural funding that, if received, would advance the mission of the Center and its faculty affiliates. Such activities might include travel (to meet with representatives of funding agencies or to conduct data collection necessary to project design), hiring of one or more graduate assistants, or hosting a meeting for prospective PIs and consultants to draft the proposal. These examples are not exhaustive, and applicants may suggest other fundable activities that are directly tied to grant writing. The award encourages collaborative grant writing, and a successful proposal will have at least two faculty applicants. There are no restrictions based upon academic discipline, but the project leader must be an affiliate of the Center for Human Rights and Democracy. Other project members need not be current affiliates of the Center. A copy of the submitted grant proposal should be sent to the Center co-directors by no later than the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012.

2. General Faculty Development Grants

Three individual awards (each at a maximum of $1,000) are available for eligible projects. Applicants must be active members of CHRD. An active member is a faculty member who attends quarterly meetings and participates in Center activities on at least an occasional basis. Applicants should be familiar with the mission of the CHRD, and its annual objectives. Applicants agree to give written credit by naming CHRD as a fiscal sponsor in an appropriate part of the funded research or creative project. Recipients will be expected to provide a written summary of outcomes to the co-directors by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2012). New areas of research or creative production that will
develop the broad understanding of the study of human rights and democracy are encouraged.
Likelihood of dissemination is strongly considered.

Applications should include the following information:

1. Award Type (Collaborative Grant Seeking, Individual Scholarship)
2. Date
3. Title of Project
4. Name(s) and Faculty Title(s)
5. Department(s)
6. Contact information for lead investigator, including e-mail and campus phone
7. Statement of Purpose (maximum 400 words). If proposal is for conference travel, indicate name, date, and location of conference.
8. Brief explanation of how the research or creative production aligns with mission and annual goals of CHRD (max 1 paragraph)
9. Detailed Budget (only for the amount of the grant). Be sure to separate personnel, supplies, services, and travel expenses.
10. Other sources of funding requested (e.g., departmental professional development funds, etc.)
11. History of previous grants from CHRD. Indicate award date and completed outcome.
12. (Optional) Additional support documents (not to exceed 5 pages)

Complete details of the Center’s policies and procedures on professional development grants are available at http://www2.gsu.edu/~chrd/6093.html.

Please submit your proposal directly to the Center at polchrd@gsu.edu by no later than 5:00 on Tuesday, November 15. Notification of awards will be made on or about December 1.

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