

Research Grants for 2012

Deadline for Applications: 21 October 2011

Aim of the program

To support the US-focused research activities of academic staff in the humanities, social sciences and related professional disciplines at Australian universities, the United States Studies Centre (USSC) announces its 2012 research grants.

Any Australian academic (with either a fractional or continuing appointment) is eligible to apply either individually or as the lead investigator. International collaborators are encouraged but only as co-applicants with the Australian lead researcher.

Preference will be given to Level A-D (Associate Lecturer to Associate Professor) academic staff.

Grant winners will be announced by early December 2011.

Funding

A total of AUD \$100,000 will be offered in 2012.

At least nine grants will be awarded. One grant up to \$20,000 (for Researchers in Residence at the USSC) and at least eight of up to \$10,000 (for External Researches).

Examples of what research grant monies can fund include: research assistance; travel expenses; photocopying / printing; conference fees; software / AV equipment; transcribing; and (for *Researchers in Residence*) living expenses in Sydney.

Applications

Candidates can apply for **one or both** of the grants on offer (i.e. *Researchers in Residence* at the US Studies Centre and/or *External Researchers*). If an applicant applies for both, separate applications **must** be submitted. Winners of *Researcher in Residence* grants will not be eligible to also receive *External Researcher* grants. Previous winners will not be eligible.

Please ensure the appropriate cover sheets (two pages) provided on the USSC website are completed and attached to the application.

The supporting documents are: a short proposal (no more than two pages, single space 12 point font) as well as a copy of the researcher's curriculum vitae and a listing of all publications in the last three years. CVs and publications should be no more than four pages in total (single space 12 point font). ***The application will be no more than eight pages including the two-page cover.***

More than eight pages will not be considered. The only ***exception*** to this is when an application has more than one researcher in which case the same four pages of CV and publications should be provided for each co-applicant.

Proposals should include the researcher's (and co-researcher's) name, title of the project, a brief overview of the project, a budget, justification for the main expenses, expected outcomes and how the project will further the mission of the US Studies Centre. Funds can only be used for legitimate research expenses, including travel.

Recipients of research grants will be selected by the United States Studies Centre.

Expectations

All monies received from this grant are to be spent during 2012.

Researchers in Residence are expected to spend a minimum of one month and a maximum of three months resident at the US Studies Centre working on their research projects. *External Researchers* will work on their research projects based at their home institutions.

Winners of the 2012 Research Grants will be featured on the US Studies Centre website.

Successful applicants will be appointed as Research Associates of the United States Studies Centre for the duration of the grant and are expected to acknowledge this affiliation - in addition to their home institution - in all the products (books, articles, chapters, working papers, conferences and presentations) supported by the Research Grant.

Successful grantees may well be asked to attend the USSC within a year of the project's completion to give a presentation on their research for the Centre's Research Seminar Series.

In addition to a progress report due to the USSC by 30 June 2012 (of no more than one page), grantees will submit a brief final report (no more than two pages) to the Centre on the research activity covered by this funding within a month of completion and no later than 31 January 2013. These reports may be used on the Centre's website.

All applications are to be **emailed** in **Microsoft Word** or **PDF format** by the lead investigator to usscapp@sydney.edu.au no later than midnight on 21 October 2011 (AEST).

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Further information:

For further information please phone (02) 9036 5086 or email usscapp@sydney.edu.au.