

The Faculty of Arts:
Arts Research Initiative
2010-11 Competition

The **Arts Research Initiative** (ARI) is an annual internal grant competition to support research efforts by members of the Faculty of Arts. The ARI offers seed or bridge money for tenure-track and tenured faculty of all ranks who do not already hold any external or internal funding from another source (such as SSHRC, Vice-President's Research Grant, Dean of Arts/Vice-President (Research) Special 4A Award, ISER, Smallwood Foundation, Start-up grants, etc.). The grant is tenable over two years at a maximum of \$5,000 with the obligation to apply for an external grant (such as a SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, etc.) within this two-year period. Faculty members who receive funding through the ARI in April 2011 must apply for an external research grant by **April 30, 2013**. ARI grant holders can reapply for it only once every six years.

The Faculty of Arts recognizes that the ability to attain external funding is becoming an increasingly important component of a successful academic career, and would like to provide research funding to scholars who are beginning new projects or may need to reinvigorate their research profile. The ARI will be offered in conjunction with other support services such as our Grants Facilitator (Theresa Heath), workshops and seminars. It is our hope that with both a financial commitment and sustained development effort, researchers in the Faculty of Arts can increase their participation and success in external funding competitions.

ARI Application

DEADLINE: February 28, 2011

Submit your application to Dr. Carrie Dyck, Acting Associate Dean of Arts (Research and Graduate Programs)

The Faculty Research Committee, drawn from a range of disciplines, will evaluate the ARI proposals. As it is not possible to have every area or specialty represented, applicants are advised to strictly adhere to the following guidelines in preparing the research proposal.

- 1) Summary of Proposed Research (maximum 1 page), including:
 - Scope and objectives of the proposed research
 - Scholarly significance and potential contribution to knowledge
 - Social relevance or practical importance, if applicable
- 2) Description of Proposed Research (maximum 2 pages), including:
 - Work already completed and/or in progress and schedule of work to be done
 - Methodology
 - Theoretical approach or conceptual framework, as appropriate
- 3) Budget and Justification (maximum 1 page)
- 4) Current CV in SSHRC format (see: https://webapps.nserc.ca/sshrc/cvinstructions_E.htm)

The Faculty Research Committee will evaluate proposals according to the following criteria:

- Excellence and feasibility of the proposed research
- Clear budget justification
- Applicant's academic record
- Potential for eventual external funding
- The extent to which funding the project will strengthen the applicant's research profile

Applications will be considered for both operating expenses and equipment with the following restrictions:

- Travel for data collection, archival work, field work or other direct research activities will be considered; however, travel to conferences will not be supported. Travel for research purposes should be very carefully justified.
- The use of ARI funds to pay student assistants for a very short period or for field work under the supervision of the researcher is permitted. However, these funds are not meant to be an alternative or supplement to research assistantships provided to masters or doctoral students.
- The ARI may not be used to pay for secretarial or other support services which can be provided to the researcher by their department.
- Requests to purchase personal computers will not be considered.
- Due to the limited amount of funds available, the ARI will NOT fund faculty who hold external research funds or those who hold internal funds offered by Memorial University. The ARI is intended for scholars who have exhausted any previously held funding.

Those who receive ARI funding will be asked to provide a one-page report on progress made towards the research project during the duration of the grant. The final report will be due within two months after the completion of the grant.