

2018-2019

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies is requesting proposals from Ohio State faculty members for research projects related to international and national security. Faculty projects may involve research and its related activities, including, among others things, the generation and/or the acquisition of data, trips to archives, the hiring of research assistants, laboratory experiments, book conferences, and released time from teaching. Junior faculty members are particularly encouraged to apply.

Although projects can vary greatly in form and substance, they will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary review committee of faculty who will make recommendations to the Mershon Center director. Past committees have included faculty from departments across campus, including History, Political Science, Sociology, Germanic Languages, Glenn College of Public Affairs, Moritz College of Law, and others.

The criteria for evaluation of proposals are:

- The academic quality of the project
- The likelihood of generating additional external funds
- The likelihood that resulting products make a high impact in academic and policy circles
- The application to one or more of the Mershon Center's three main research themes

Currently, the Mershon Center is interested in these three main themes:

- The use of force and diplomacy
- The ideas, identities, and decisional processes that affect security
- The institutions that manage violent conflict

We are also interested in projects that emphasize the role of peace-building and development initiatives globally, in addition to projects that strengthen Ohio State's Global Gateways in Brazil, China and India. We will also consider projects that are related to campus area studies centers and institutes, or a project that addresses the university's Discovery Themes, which include health and wellness, energy and the environment, and food production and security. For more information on Ohio State's Discovery Themes and Global Gateways, please visit <https://discovery.osu.edu/> and <https://oia.osu.edu/global-gateways.html>, respectively.

Faculty who receive awards will be expected to be an active member of the Mershon Center. Grant recipients should participate in various Center functions throughout the academic year and are welcome to request office space. They will be responsible for a close-out report on project publications and other accomplishments, including submissions of external funding applications, and assistance with publicity related to Mershon projects by providing photos or other graphic materials.

Interested faculty should contact Richard Herrmann, Interim Director of the Mershon Center and Chair of the Political Science Department, at herrmann.1@osu.edu or at (614) 292-9843, to discuss any questions or ideas about potential project proposals. Proposals recommended for funding will receive informal notice in March or early April with formal notice coming later after final approval by the Mershon Center Oversight Committee.

Proposals must include four parts:

1. Standard coversheet including a 500-word abstract (available below). **In one paragraph, explain to an interdisciplinary audience how your project will advance the understanding of international and national security, broadly defined.**
2. Itemized budget.
3. Four-to-five-page, single-spaced statement elaborating on the project's purpose, method, anticipated products, and significance. **Please articulate which of the Mershon Center's main themes, listed above, your proposal seeks to address.**
4. Current curriculum vitae for each principal investigator.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

All application materials should be sent as email attachments to mershon.faculty@osu.edu. Please identify each electronic document with your last name and document type; for example: smithvita.doc or smithproposal.doc. If you have any questions regarding the uploading of your application materials, please contact **Steven Blalock, Program Coordinator at the Mershon Center**, at Blalock.33@osu.edu or at (614) 688-5944.

**2018-19 Mershon Center Faculty Research and Seed Grant Proposal
Cover Sheet**

Project Title:

Principal Investigator(s) (List first and last name, followed by home department and home university, if other than Ohio State)

Project Abstract (500 words)

Total funds requested from Mershon:

Total funds requested from other sources (list the sources and indicate whether or not funds have already been received)

Expected products (including applications for external funds):

Have you received funding from the Mershon Center in the past three years? If so, please list all projects that were supported, the year and amount of the award, and the products that resulted from the project. Identify external grant submissions and/or awards stemming from earlier Mershon awards.

Budget Form Instructions
Fiscal Year (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

If you have questions regarding the budget form, please contact the Mershon Center's fiscal manager, Kyle McCray, at 614-292-3810 or mccray.44@osu.edu. Round all figures to the nearest dollar. Please include principal investigator name(s) and project title on the budget page as well as the coversheet.

PERSONNEL (Funds approved for personnel cannot be used for any other item.)

1. **Faculty summer salary or release time:** This may be requested only by faculty providing collective goods such as a large seminar series or summer institute. Be sure to include benefits costs of an additional 31%. Costs for Arts and Sciences faculty are the replacement cost and not the buyout rate % per course.
2. **Graduate Research Associate support:** Indicate the number of Graduate Research Associates per quarter and the percent appointment requested. For planning purposes, you may use the Mershon Center default rates of \$15,000 per semester for a 50% appointment (includes tuition and fees) and \$7,500 per semester for a 25% appointment.
3. **Graduate student additional pay for services:** Please note that ongoing services of 10 hours or more per week require a regular GRA appointment. Use additional pay only for one-time or infrequent payments. Remember to include benefits costs of an additional 13%.
4. **Undergraduate student support:** Multiply the hourly rate (Federal guidelines mandate minimum wage of \$8.15/hour -- you may certainly pay more than this if warranted) times the total number of hours. Add benefits costs of an additional 1% to the total.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR SERIES (Complete this section only if you plan to host a conference or seminar series.)

1. Tentative date(s) and location(s).
2. Printing and copying (include brochures, programs, and so forth).
3. Meter mail, bulk mail, or express mail services (average \$.48 per letter for meter mail; you may contact University Mail Services if you need help in determining bulk or express costs).
4. Refreshments, catering, lunches, dinners, receptions.
5. Travel for conference participants (if you intend to pay for airfare, taxis, meals, lodging, and so forth, include it here).
6. Honoraria.
7. Any additional expenses such as equipment rental, videotaping, photographers, and so forth.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL

1. List date(s), location(s), and estimated cost per trip (include airfare, taxis, rental cars, lodging, meals, registration fees, and so forth).

RESEARCH

1. Office space -- If you would like office space assigned to you at the Mershon Center, indicate how many hours per week on average you plan to be in residence. We will honor as many requests as possible; however, space is limited.
2. Office supplies and computer software.
3. Printed materials -- Note that all books and journals purchased with project funds become Mershon Center property.
4. Meter mail, bulk mail, or express mail services (\$.48 per letter for meter mail; you may contact University Mail Services if you need help in determining bulk or express costs).
5. Business meals with non-Ohio State research collaborators.
6. General purchased services including subject payments, data coding, translation services, etc.
7. Consulting -- Please note that formal consulting agreements require prior university approval.

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Principal Investigator(s):

Project Title:

PERSONNEL

1. Summer Salary or Release Time
2. Graduate Student Research Assistant support

Summer 2017:	students on	% support
Autumn 2017:	students on	% support
Spring 2018:	students on	% support

1. Graduate Student Additional Pay
2. Undergraduate Student Support

Total Costs for Personnel:

CONFERENCES & SEMINAR SERIES (that you plan to host)

1. List date(s) and location(s):

2. Printing and Copying
3. Meter mail, bulk mail, or express mail services
4. Refreshments, catering, lunches, dinners, receptions
5. Travel for conference participants
6. Honoraria
7. Additional expenses

Total Costs for Conferences and Seminar Series PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL

1. List date(s), location(s), and estimated costs per trip:

Total Costs for Principal Investigator Travel:

RESEARCH

1. Office space at Mershon at requested (yes or no):
If yes, average number of hours per week in residence:
2. Office supplies and computer software
3. Printed research materials

4. Telephone services
5. Printing and copying services
6. Meter mail, bulk mail, or express mail services
7. Business meals with research collaborators
8. General purchased services
9. Consulting (Agreements require formal OSU approval)

Total Costs for Research:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: