**Mershon Center for International Security Studies**

**American Foreign and Military Policy Cluster**

**2020-21 Faculty Research Grant Competition**

**Call for Proposals**

**Submission Deadline: Sept. 30, 2020**

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies [American Foreign and Military Policy Cluster](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/research/american-foreign-and-military-policy) is pleased to invite applications for Faculty Research Grants.[[1]](#footnote-1) The mission of the Mershon Center is to advance interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches to international, national, and human security. Our understanding of international security draws from a wide range of perspectives, approaches, and substantive foci. Consequently, successful applicants may come from a variety of disciplines, including anthropology, communications, economics, geography, history, law, philosophy, political science, public affairs/administration, public policy, psychology, sociology, and other disciplines that engage international security broadly conceived.

Although the focus of the cluster is on American policy, there is clear appreciation that this is impossible to evaluate, much less prescribe, without an understanding of the regional contexts in which the United States is involved. Consequently, proposals for research on the regional political, diplomatic, economic, military, and social landscapes in which the United States is acting are also welcome, as long as the implications for U.S. foreign and/or military policy are made clear.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their fit with the research cluster theme, quality and innovation of the proposed research, and potential for gaining external funding. Interdisciplinary proposals are especially welcome. Faculty who receive awards will be expected to be an active member of the American Foreign and Military Policy Cluster and the Mershon Center. Grant recipients will participate in a variety of Cluster programs throughout the academic year. In particular, grant recipients will be required to:

* Attend the American Foreign and Military Policy monthly discussion group meetings and lead one session;
* Provide papers or other content in line with their research agendas for publication as presentations and/or online content for the Mershon Center website;
* Submit a close-out report on project publications and other accomplishments, including submissions of external funding applications;
* Assist with publicity related to Mershon projects by providing photos or other graphic materials.

Proposals must include five parts:

1. Standard coversheet including a 250-word abstract (available below).
2. Itemized budget.
3. A two-to-three page, single-spaced statement elaborating on the project’s purpose, method, anticipated products, and significance. **Please articulate how your project contributes to the themes of the Cluster and an interdisciplinary understanding of international and national security, broadly defined.**
4. Likelihood and plan for external funding.
5. Current curriculum vitae for each principal investigator.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2020.**

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 **Kyle McCray, Business & Operations Manager at the Mershon Center** at mccray.44@osu.edu or 614-292-3810.

Questions concerning the American Foreign and Military Policy cluster should be directed to Jennifer Siegel (siegel.83), Peter Mansoor (mansoor.1), or Rick Herrmann (herrmann.1).

**2020-2021** **Mershon Center Faculty Research and Seed Grant Proposal**

**Cover Sheet**

**Project Title:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Abstract** (250 words)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Total funds requested from Mershon:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Expected products (including applications for external funds):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Have you received funding from the Mershon Center in the past three years?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Budget Form

**Fiscal Year (2020-2021)**

**Principal Investigator(s)**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Title**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**PERSONNEL:**

1. Release Time Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Graduate Student Research Assistant support

Autumn:Click or tap here to enter text.students onClick or tap here to enter text.%support

Spring:Click or tap here to enter text.students onClick or tap here to enter text.%support

Summer:Click or tap here to enter text.students onClick or tap here to enter text.%support

1. Graduate Student Additional PayClick or tap here to enter text.
2. Undergraduate Student SupportClick or tap here to enter text.

## Total Costs for Personnel: Click or tap here to enter text.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL

1. List date(s), location(s), and estimated costs per trip: Click or tap here to enter text.

## Total Costs for Principal Investigator Travel: Click or tap here to enter text.

## RESEARCH

1. Software

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Printed research materials

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Printing and copying services

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Business meals with research collaborators

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. General purchased services

 Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Consulting (Agreements require formal OSU approval)

Click or tap here to enter text.

## Total Costs for Research:Click or tap here to enter text.

## TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Research travel grants will be allocated at this time, for disbursal as soon as the University’s travel ban is lifted. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)