**2021-2022 Faculty Research Grant Competition**

**Security & Governance Cluster**

**\*Submission Deadline: February 28, 2021\***

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies’ Security & Governance Cluster 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, psychology, sociology, and other disciplines that engage international security broadly conceived.

We welcome grant applications that fit with the Security & Governance Cluster’s [areas of interest](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/research/security-and-governance). We are especially interested in proposals that address one or both of the following themes:

1. The current state and future of global governance and the international order, including the role of international organizations, international law, and non-state actors.
2. New security challenges and new ways to conceive of national and human security in a globalized, post-COVID world.

Competitive proposals should make clear in what ways they are innovative, either theoretically or in terms of new data or methods.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their fit with the Cluster and the themes outlined above; the quality and innovation of the proposed research; and the potential for gaining external funding. Interdisciplinary proposals are especially welcome. Faculty who receive awards will be expected to be an active member of the Security & Governance Cluster and the Mershon Center. Grant recipients will participate in a variety of programs throughout the academic year. In particular, recipients will be required to:

* Write a public-oriented post for the Mershon website and/or newsletter about their project;
* Give a presentation about the project at the Mershon Center (in-person or virtually);
* Attend Security & Governance Cluster events; and
* Include Mershon as a recipient of indirect funding in external grants (indirect costs should be in proportion to Mershon’s funding of the project).

Note: 10% of monies granted will be withheld until all of the requirements have been fulfilled.

**Proposals must include five parts:**

1. Standard coversheet including a 250-word abstract (available below).
2. Itemized budget (available below).
3. A research plan (no longer than three pages, single-spaced) that explains the project’s purpose, proposed method, timeline and anticipated products, and significance for scholarship and/or policy. Please articulate how your project contributes to the Cluster and the two themes outlined above, and how it advances an interdisciplinary understanding of international or national security, broadly defined.
4. Brief statement (no more than one page) on the likelihood and plan for external funding.
5. Current curriculum vitae for each principal investigator.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically by end of day February 28, 2021.**

**Submission Instructions:**

All application materials should be sent as email attachments to [mershon.faculty@osu.edu](mailto:mershon.faculty@osu.edu). Please specify in your email submission the name of the research cluster grant for which you are applying. Please also identify each electronic document with your last name and document type (i.e. 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](mailto:mccray.44@osu.edu) or 614-292-3810.

Questions concerning the Security & Governance cluster should be directed to Alex Thompson (thompson.1191), Dakota Rudesill (rudesill.2), or Tom Wood (wood.1080).

**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 Center:**

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.

**\*Please ensure to attach a curriculum vitae for each principal investigator.**

## Budget Form

**Fiscal Year (2021-2022)**

**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)