**Faculty Research Grant Competition**

**Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**\*Submission Deadline: March 13, 2022 at 5 p.m. EST\***

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies 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.

Proposals will be evaluated based on their fit with the center’s mission, 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 Mershon Center. Grant recipients will be expected to attend center lectures and participate in a variety of programs throughout the academic year. In particular, grant recipients will be required to:

* Write a public-oriented post for the Mershon website and/or newsletter about the project;
* Give a presentation about the project (either at the Mershon Center or virtually)
* Attend center 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: Ten percent 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 (limit three double-spaced pages, excluding figures and references) describing the proposed project.
	1. Please include a clear research question, background and/or a brief literature review, proposed methods, plan of analysis, anticipated outcomes (e.g., datasets, peer-reviewed papers, op-eds, etc.), and a timeline. Likelihood and plan for external funding.
4. An interdisciplinary plan (limit one double-spaced page) including how the project meets the following criteria:
	1. Will speak to multiple audiences, indicating a clear outcome linked to each audience;
	2. Makes a clear connection to center’s mission in some manner; and
	3. Has a high likelihood of obtaining external funding and continuation beyond the one year of funding.

Note: Strong preference will be given to proposals identifying at least two faculty from different disciplines, departments, or schools at Ohio State.

1. A leveraging plan and future plans (limit two double-spaced pages) that illustrate how the project will lead to external funding. Examples of a leveraging plan could include, but are not limited to:
	1. Describe a direct relationship of the proposed study to a specific call for proposals (e.g., RFP, RFI);
	2. Summarize a discussion with program officers at specified funding agencies (e.g., MSF, Carnegie, Templeton) indicating enthusiasm toward the project; and/or
	3. Summarize potential partnerships with government agencies, private sector, NGOs, or other universities.

Importantly, please also address any other plans for the project beyond the one year of funding.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on March 13, 2022.**

**Submission Instructions:**

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 (i.e. smithvita.doc or smithproposal.doc).

For questions regarding the uploading of application materials, please contact **Kyle McCray, Business & Operations Manager at the Mershon Center,** at mccray.44@osu.edu or 614-292-3810.

**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** (250 words)

**Total funds requested from Mershon Center:**

**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?**

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

## Budget Form

**Fiscal Year (2022-2023)**

**Principal Investigator(s)**:

**Project Title**:

**Personnel:**

1. Release Time:
2. Graduate Student Research Assistant Support (50% FTE one semester is $18,000):

Autumn: \_\_\_ students on \_\_\_ % support

Spring: \_\_\_ students on \_\_\_ % support

Summer: \_\_\_ students on \_\_\_ % support

1. Graduate Student Additional Pay:
2. Undergraduate Student Support:

## Total Costs for Personnel:

## Principal Investigator Travel

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

## Total Costs for Principal Investigator Travel:

## Research

1. Software:
2. Printed research materials:
3. Printing and copying services:
4. Business meals with research collaborators:
5. General purchased services:
6. Consulting (Agreements require formal Ohio State approval):

## Total Costs for Research:

## TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:

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)