**Mershon Center Programming Competition**

**Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)**

**Coversheet**

**Programming title:**

**Principal investigator(s)** (Name, title, and home department):

**Project abstract** (100 words):

**Programming format:**

**Total funds requested from Mershon Center:**

**Total funds requested from other sources** (list the sources and indicate whether 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?:**

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## Budget Form

**Fiscal Year (2025-2026)**

**Principal Investigator(s)**:

**Programming Title**:

**Personnel:**

1. Graduate Student Research Assistant Support (50% FTE one semester is currently $19,000):

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:

## Travel Expenses

1. Number of speakers:
2. Transportation Expenses ($350 east coast, $600 west coast, $1,000 UK, $1,200 other international):
3. Hotel expenses ($170/night average):
4. Taxi/Uber ($150/person average):
5. Honorarium ($750 standard; $1075 for non-US based speaker):
6. Business meals (4-5 guests per dinner is standard - $100/person limit dinner. Breakfast/lunches $50/person, coffee $7/person):
7. Catered food at event (average $15/person for lunches, $7/person afternoon snacks):

**Venue Expense**

a. 1039 Derby (no charge; capacity ca. 20 with tables, 40 without):

b. On campus (rooms average $600):

c. Off campus (varies but average $1,000):

**Other Expenses**

1. Video/streaming Services ($1,200 event at any location outside Derby 1039):
2. Other:

## Total Costs for Programming Expenses:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:

If your budgetary estimates are over the listed suggestions, please include a short justification.