



Mershon Center Programming Grant Competition
Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)
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):

Please check the box below if the applicant commits to making this project their primary research engagement for the funded period and the applicant agrees not to serve concurrently as PI on any other project. ☐

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



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Budget Form
Fiscal Year (2026-2027)

Principal Investigator(s):

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Personnel:

1. Graduate Student Research Assistant Support (50% FTE one semester is currently estimated at \$20,200):
Autumn: _____ students on _____ % support
Spring: _____ students on _____ % support
Summer: _____ students on _____ % support
2. Graduate Student Additional Pay:
3. 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, \$1,000 for multi-day workshop US based, \$1300 non-US based multi-day workshop):
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):



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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.