

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT

The Chapman Center for Rural Studies, a center of excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences, calls for pre-proposals for its annual Interdisciplinary Research Grant. The Center is seeking RSCAD-based proposals from faculty¹ in the College of Arts and Sciences who represent at least two disciplines to foster interdisciplinary research engaging with rural communities.

The **purpose** of this grant is to encourage faculty to work **creatively and collaboratively** with scholars outside their specializations to generate new insights into the dynamics of rural life through partnerships with rural Kansas communities or with the potential to improve the quality of life for rural Kansas residents. These insights might relate to rural economies, social structures, health outcomes, education, transportation, politics, community identity and memory, demographics and/or the environment. The proposal should describe how and why their project will use the unique skills and disciplinary knowledge of each faculty participant, as well as how they will include undergraduate research assistants into the work of their project. Chapman Center Interdisciplinary Research Grant grants are limited to one year and ideally, will lead to longer, externally funded initiatives.

In recognition of the Center's original home in humanities disciplines, preference will be given to projects that include humanistic inquiry, humanities methodologies, or connections to society and culture.

The CCRS is an award-winning center for **public engagement**. Proposals for the Interdisciplinary Research Grant should reflect this commitment with a clearly stated pathway of engagement with rural residents to ensure their participation and support.

Finally, the Chapman Center is committed to providing **research experience to promising undergraduates**, especially in those fields that are not traditionally laboratory based.

Successful faculty teams will receive:

- \$15,000 in funding to include a summer stipend, travel support, and payment for up to four undergraduate research assistants.
- Research and administrative space.
- Communication and media support.
- Student mentorship, professionalization, and student research space.
- Technical, software, and hardware support.
- Advisory and administrative support.

Request **pre-proposal guidelines** directly from the Center Director, **Dr. Mary Kohn** (kohn@ksu.edu), or navigate to ksu.edu/chapman/research/IRG.

Pre-proposals will be due the last week in October. **Full proposals** will be due one week before the start of the spring semester with dates announced to selected pre-proposals.

[1] Tenure track and teaching faculty are eligible to apply. All applications should include approval from the faculty member's department head.



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