UCI Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism & Belonging

Calls for Proposals 2023-2024

All applications are due August 28, 2023
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The Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism, and Belonging (C-LAB) is excited to announce our 2023-2024 call for proposals. Launched in the fall of 2022, C-LAB seeks to create a research justice university. We do so by fostering collaborative research that analyzes race, Indigeneity, and migration. We seek to support initiatives that identify research questions, explore methodologies and experiments with diverse publication dissemination methods that bring attention to and work towards social justice. The following funding opportunities are designed to foster research communities focused on advancing research justice through collaboration.

C-LAB is based in the School of Humanities with funding support from the Office of Research and the Schools of Biological Sciences, Education, Law, Medicine, Physical Sciences, Public Health, Social Ecology, and Social Sciences. We welcome proposals from across the UCI campus.

1. C-LAB Faculty and Graduate Student Fellowship: $7,500

The C-LAB graduate and faculty fellowship aims to cultivate and support a cohort of scholars advancing social justice through their research questions, innovative methodologies, and/or diverse publication dissemination methods. Selected follows will participate in a cohort of faculty and graduate students who will serve as C-LAB fellows during the 2023-2024 academic year. Fellows are expected to participate in and present their work-in-progress at a monthly brown-bag seminar. By the end of their term, they will be expected to submit a completed product (e.g. external grant application, journal article submission, book chapter, dissertation chapter, etc) as well as a publicly-engaged product that draws on their fellowship experience to advance C-LAB's mission. We take a flexible approach to envisioning a publicly-engaged product, potential ideas include a research product (e.g. a policy brief, op-ed) or training materials that will guide others in contributing to the creation of a research justice university (e.g. a training session, a written reflection on your research process, etc.).

Research projects can be at any stage of development extending from the incubation and grant writing phase to the data collection phase to the writing phase. Funding can be used to reimburse research expenses or compensate researcher's time (e.g. fellowship stipends for graduate students or summer salary for faculty). Collaborative projects are viewed favorably; multiple project investigators can participate as fellows but the fellowship funding amount is limited to $7,500 per project.

Proposals should be 2-3 pages and include the following:

- Description of the research project and its current stage of completion.

- Discussion of how the central research questions and methodology aligns with C-LAB's mission. Consider the following questions:
    - How does this project advance research justice?
    - To what extent is the research collaborative, including but not limited to collaborations between investigators from different academic ranks (e.g. different professorial ranks, graduate students, undergraduate students) or with community partners.
    - What deliverables would be delivered at the end of the fellowship term, including an academic product (e.g. grant application, academic publication) as well as a publicly-engaged product?
- Discussion of how the fellowship will benefit the project's success and the scholars' professional development
    - If you are planning to incubate a project, identify the external grant funding you plan to apply for and describe how these funds will improve your chances of securing funding
- A proposed budget and justification for anticipated expenses

2. Collaborative Project Grant: up to $20,000

We believe that innovative, collaborative research to advance social justice requires time, space, resources, and support. Our collaborative project grant aims to encourage the development of research and publicly-engaged research communities. The Principal Investigator must be a UCI tenure-track faculty member; however, collaborative teams are encouraged and are evaluated favorably when they span disciplines and academic ranks (e.g. different professorial ranks, graduate students, undergraduate students) or include community partners. By the end of the 2023-2024 academic year the research collaboration will be expected to submit a completed product (e.g. external grant application, research publication submission, etc.) as well as a publicly-engaged product that draws on their collaboration to advance C-LAB's mission. We take a flexible approach to envisioning a publicly-engaged product, potential ideas include a public-impact research product (e.g. a policy brief, op-ed, digital resource) or training materials that will guide others in contributing to the creation of a research justice university (e.g. a methodological training session, a written reflection on your research process, etc.).

Proposals should be 2-3 pages and include the following:

- Description of the research project and intended reach outcome and publicly-engaged product
- Discussion of how the central research questions and methodology aligns with C-LAB's mission

- Discussion of how your group will be working collaboratively to create research outcomes

- A proposed budget and justification for anticipated expenses

- A description of how you will measure success and how you will report to C-LAB the outcomes and impact of the grant funding.

3. Propose a methodological training: up to $1,500

To foster intellectual community across the campus, C-LAB has started a "What's in your research justice tool box?" series. Our inaugural event focused on "Mapping Place through Indigenous Archiving and Storytelling" and our spring workshop explored "Artmaking and Autoethnography as Healing Methodology: Undocumented Young Adults' Return to the Homeland." We welcome proposals for methodological trainings that introduce powerful tools to help us work towards research justice.

Proposal should be 1-2 pages and include the following:

- What is the methodological training that you are proposing?

- How does this intellectual tool contribute to the study of race, Indigeneity, and/or migration?

- How does this training foster research justice? Some aspects that you might consider is how does it foster academic activists? How does the methodology foster community-based collaboration?

- What is your budget and justification of costs? We will sponsor up to $1500 to offer honorarium and refreshments.

- Commitment to submit a report on the training activities and participants

Submission

All proposals deadlines are Monday, August 28, at 11:59 pm. Applicants will be notified by mid-September. Projects can begin fall quarter 2023.

For more information, please contact Professors Judy Wu (j.wu@uci.edu) and/or Laura Enriquez (lenriqu1@uci.edu).

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