Inter-Disciplinary Research Groups
Application Guidelines

First Round due May 16, 2016
Second Round due September 12, 2016

Interdisciplinary Research Groups help Temple faculty and graduate students from different departments, schools, and colleges to pursue shared research interests as well as participate in consortia with faculty from other universities. Proposals that engage emerging fields of inquiry and/or are linked to an interdisciplinary agenda are encouraged. Successful proposals are awarded between $500 and $1500 for use during the academic year of award, depending on the size of the group and the research agenda. Unused funds will revert back to CHAT by June 30th. Groups receive priority access to CHAT facilities for meetings and lectures.

Groups will meet monthly (or more often) throughout the year. Funds can be used to support meeting costs, publicity, books, visiting speakers, and related expenses. Membership is open to all, including students and faculty outside of Temple. Groups must have at least two organizers from different departments and a minimum of four members from within Temple University. Group funding seeds new and vital research activity and helps support ongoing programs. Groups may apply for funding renewal every year. A report of past year’s activities is due to the Director of CHAT by May 15th.

Application

Proposals must list two Temple faculty organizers from different departments, and at least two additional Temple faculty or graduate student participants. Group membership is not restricted to Temple faculty and cross-institutional participation is welcome. Please submit:

- A 2-3 page double-spaced proposal. Explain the focus of the group, provide an intellectual justification for forming a group on the topic, and indicate the schedule of projected activities for the year. Identify the anticipated outcome, such as lectures, publications, grant applications, or the initiation of long-term programs for further collaborative research.

- An itemized budget of anticipated expenses including, travel, hospitality, honoraria.

- A C.V. for each faculty organizer, including external organizers if participating in a consortium with other universities.

- The name and affiliation of all additional participants.

- For consortium proposals, a letter of participation from the organizer at each external academic institution and evidence of external funding commitments from participating external institutions.

A report on the group's activities is required at the end of the academic year no later than May 15th. Groups may apply for additional funding. Renewal requires a new application each year and must include the year-end report. All proposals are evaluated by members of the CHAT Advisory Board. Award decisions are based on the quality of the proposal, its feasibility, and the potential contribution to scholarship and intellectual life at Temple.

Send all materials as email attachments to chat@temple.edu. Direct questions about the award to Prof. Petra Goedde, CHAT Director, pgoedde@temple.edu, 215-204-9206.