CHAT Study Group
Application Guidelines

Deadline for 2015-16 is September 21, 2015

Study Groups help faculty and students from different departments, schools, and colleges to work collaboratively for the year on a shared area of intellectual interest. Successful proposals are awarded up to $500. Groups receive priority access on the use of CHAT facilities for meetings and lectures. Assistance with advertising and travel arrangements is provided when possible. All topics in the humanities and humanistic social sciences are welcome.

Groups should meet monthly (or more often) throughout the year. Funds can be used to support meeting costs, publicity, books, visiting speakers, etc. Groups must have a minimum of four members. Membership is open to all, including students and faculty outside of Temple. Study Group funding may be renewed annually.

The Application

Proposals must list two Temple faculty organizers from different departments, and two or more additional 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 planned expenses, including honoraria, travel, hospitality, and publicity (please note that the maximum honorarium is $400). This can be tentative.

- A C.V. for each faculty organizer.

- The name and affiliation of at least two additional participants.

A report on the group’s activities is required at the end of the academic year. Groups may continue to receive funding indefinitely if the yearly reports warrant further support. Renewal is not automatic: a new application is needed each year. 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.

Applications should be transmitted electronically to chat@temple.edu. Please direct questions to Prof. Petra Goedde, Interim CHAT Director, pgoedde@temple.edu, 215-204-9206.