

NMSU College of Arts and Sciences

SOUTHWEST AND BORDER CULTURES INSTITUTE (SBCI) 2017-2018

SPRING 2018 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Submission Deadline: 11:59 PM MDT, Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

The NMSU **Southwest and Border Cultures Institute (SBCI)** Administrative Council is currently accepting proposals for the following categories of SBCI Grant award funding:

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS for Special Collections and Archives

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

OUTREACH & PUBLIC PROGRAM

LECTURE SERIES

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

FACULTY RESEARCH

The Southwest and Border Cultures Institute (SBCI) was founded in November 1998 upon receipt of a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The NEH award of \$450,000 was matched by \$1.35 million in non-federal dollars to create a permanent endowment of \$1.8 million dollars. The purpose of the SBCI is to enable acquisitions by the University Library and Museum, fund faculty and graduate student research on Southwestern and US-Mexico Border issues in the humanities, and to fund on- and off-campus public programs that relate to humanities issues in the Southwest and US–Mexico Border region.

The SBCI began funding activities in 2001. The program is administered by an Administrative Council, with representatives from the departments of Anthropology, English, History, Languages, and Linguistics and from the University Museum and University Library. Faculty and students from other departments may apply for SBCI funding as long as their project is a humanities-focused project as determined by the Administrative Council.

For the purposes of SBCI Grant award programs, ‘Humanities’ has the following definition:

What are the Humanities: "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of the national life".

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

SBCI Grant applications will be **evaluated** based upon the potential of the proposed activity and/or acquisition to provide: significance for the preservation and maintenance of the state's and region's multicultural heritage; significance to an understanding of humanities issues concerning New Mexico and the American Southwest and the US/Mexico border; significant Humanities' awareness to southern New Mexico communities; strengthened Humanities at NMSU.

Grant selection preference will be given to junior faculty, to faculty who have not received funds in one of the last two proposal cycles, and to faculty who have either generated peer reviewed publications or external funds based on previous SBCI based research (such resultant external funding or peer reviewed publications should be identified in the "Need" section of the current proposal). Funding for the successful proposals will nominally begin on July 1 of the award year (but generally funds arrive later when endowment funds become available) and must be spent no later than June 30 of the following year.

A complete SBCI GRANT application will be comprised of the following components:

1. A completed SBCI Grant Program application **Cover Page (make this a link)**
2. The **Proposal Narrative** (3-pages maximum, single spaced, 12 point font) should address:
 - Identification of the topic to be addressed and/or materials to be acquired
 - Description of the significance of the proposed topic and activities
 - Audience(s) to be addressed
 - Demonstrated need for SBCI funding
 - Potential to generate / compete for subsequent funds, and/or plans to publish / disseminate outcomes from the SBCI-supported activities
 - Timeline of proposed events (not to exceed one year from date of award)
 - SBCI grant category or categories to which you are applying
3. **Budget-** use budget spreadsheet provided with the cover page document; if more than one SBCI award program is being targeted provide an indication of the award amounts being requested from each program
4. **Your CV**

The Spring 2018 SBCI Grant APPLICATION COVER PAGE DOCUMENT is available as at:

PDF (link to application cover page document in PDF)

WORD (link to application cover page document in WORD format)

The **LIBRARY and MUSEUM ACQUISITION GRANT** award programs: The intention of the SBCI Library Acquisition program is to support acquisition of humanities-focused and Southwest US / international border region primary sources, books, journals, and electronic resources to enhance the Library's Special Collections, the University Archives, the Rio Grande Historical Collection, and the Borderlands Collection.

The Museum Acquisitions program is intended to support acquisition of humanities focused and Southwest US / international border region artifacts / items to enhance the Museum's collections.

Acquisition Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Identification of the Acquisition(s) being proposed
- Significance of the acquisition to NMSU, its collections, and the region
- Connection of the requested Acquisition to existing resources / collections at NMSU
- Demonstrated need for SBCI funding
- Potential for the Acquisition to enhance creative activity / scholarship at NMSU
- Timeline of acquisition (not to exceed one year from date of award)
- The justification provided for the proposed budget and its reasonableness
- The applicant's demonstrated capabilities and likelihood of completion of the proposed activity

Individuals interested in submitting a Library Acquisitions Grant application are encouraged to contact the NMSU Library grants coordinator: Associate Dean Kate Terpis, to discuss their desired acquisition and to avoid requested duplication of resources that are currently available from the Library. Individuals interested in submitting a Museum Acquisition Grant application are encouraged to contact Professor Bill Walker, NMSU Museum Director (Kent Hall) to discuss their proposed acquisition.

The **OUTREACH & PUBLIC PROGRAM and LECTURE SERIES** Grant award programs support activities that provide opportunities for academic and public/community engagement for dissemination of knowledge about humanities-focused aspects of the region. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Identification of the topic to be addressed
- Significance of the proposed topic and activities to the humanities experience and awareness of the region
- Audience(s) to be addressed by the proposed activity/activities
- Demonstrated need for SBCI funding
- Potential to generate / compete for subsequent funds, and/or plans to publish / disseminate outcomes from the SBCI-supported activities
- Timeline of proposed events (not to exceed one year from date of award)
- SBCI category or categories to which you are applying
- The justification provided for the proposed budget and its reasonableness
- The applicant's demonstrated capabilities and likelihood of completion of the proposed activity

FACULTY RESEARCH and GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Identification of problem or issue to be investigated / addressed
- The significance of the proposed problem or issue to be studied
- The Research Method(s) that would be employed
- Demonstrated need for SBCI funding
- Potential to generate / compete for subsequent research funds, and/or plans to publish/disseminate outcomes / results from the SBCI-supported research
- Timeline of research (not to exceed one year from date of award)
- The justification provided for the proposed budget and its reasonableness
- The applicant's demonstrated capabilities and likelihood of completion of the proposed activity

Grant Funding for the selected Spring 2018 SBCI applications will become available during late summer 2018.

The submission deadline for Spring 2018 SBCI Grant award Applications is:

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SBCI Grant Applications should be delivered in email form to:

murphy@ad.nmsu.edu

You will receive a reply email confirming receipt of your submitted proposal.

The **emailed proposal** should consist of an attached **single PDF document** that includes the SBCI Grant application cover page, followed by your 3-page maximum length **proposal narrative**, followed by your **proposed budget**, followed by your **CV**.

The application template document is available at:

<https://artsci.nmsu.edu/research/research-resources/>