



MCLA Institute for the Arts and Humanities: Student Mini-Grant Program

About MCLA Institute for Arts and Humanities (MCLA-IAH)

Supported with grant funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the MCLA Institute for the Arts and Humanities is an initiative to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion by increasing access to Berkshire County's cultural assets and deepening engagements with area arts and humanities resources. In alignment with the College's Strategic Goal 3, the Institute serves as an interdisciplinary catalyst to address and investigate historical and contemporary issues on campus and in the community — we create experiential spaces for dialogue and action; we promote possibilities for innovative teaching and learning; we support the development of high-impact practices for MCLA faculty and students; we believe tapping into the wide-ranging artistic, cultural, and historical legacies of the Berkshires will build strategies for bringing people together across difference.

About MCLA-IAH Student Mini-Grant Program

Grant funding is available to support student-led projects and interdisciplinary collaborations that engage the community and/or capitalize on the area's unique, cultural resources. Students interested in this opportunity are encouraged to apply to receive funds (\$300 - \$1000) for innovative projects, activities, or program initiatives that strategically address notions of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA). Those whose projects are selected will be expected to document and present the outcomes of their project.

Both individual and group applications are accepted. Groups are two or more students (with the possible addition of MCLA faculty/staff or community members) working together on the same project. These grants are competitive in nature; submission does not guarantee grant funding. Applications will be reviewed by the Institute's core advisory committee, and students will be informed of the review committee's decision within two weeks of the deadlines.

Application Deadlines:

- **Rolling Deadline: January 28th, 2022 - March 18th, 2022.**
All accepted mini-grant projects must be completed by the end of the spring semester.



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Examples of fundable projects or activities include (but are not limited to):

- Experiential/interactive workshops
- Campus-wide forums or panel discussions
- Field trips to arts and humanities site locations for special events, performances, exhibits, etc.
- Event/programming in connection to student groups, clubs, and organizations
- Community art installation(s) and/or gallery exhibition of student work
- Project materials, supplies, equipment, misc. production costs, etc.
- Stipends/reimbursements/honorariums for community partners, artists, speakers, etc.

Grant awards will be offered to students whose projects target the following objectives:

- Increase experiential learning in bridging boundaries in campus and community awareness of DEI issues
- Promote a pluralistic student experience and campus culture through the arts and humanities that embraces diversity, cultural awareness, and social responsibility
- Increase awareness of and engagement with area arts, cultural, and historical resources
- Capitalize on area arts and humanities resources to advance MCLA's commitment to DEI
- Encourage interdisciplinary flexibility and collaboration
- Create spaces of dialogue and action for the community in participatory DEI educational programming.



Spring 2022 Application Criteria and Guidelines

Your application must include the following materials:

- ☐ **a project proposal**, including **ALL** of the listed components:
 - ☐ **Name(s)/Contact**
 - ☐ **Project Title**
 - ☐ **Project Narrative:**
 - ☐ How will your project incorporate area arts and humanities resources?
 - ☐ Which community partner(s) will you be working with?
 - ☐ How does your project embrace interdisciplinary engagement or collaboration?
 - ☐ **Mission/Goals:**
 - ☐ In what ways does your project aim to promote awareness, study, and discussion of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access?
 - ☐ **Projected Outcomes:** What does your project hope to achieve?
 - ☐ **Needs Assessment:**
 - ☐ Why is this project important to you and/or your community?
 - ☐ How might your project address those needs to benefit your community?
 - ☐ **Timeline** (with clear outlined objectives and dates)
 - ☐ **Project Evaluation:** How do you plan to evaluate the success of your project?
 - ☐ **Budget**, listing:
 - ☐ Revenues: Sources of funding (if others apply) and amount requested
 - ☐ Expenses: Outlined anticipated spending & Budget Categories (supplies, personnel, travel expenses, etc.) **Be specific.**
- ☐ **Brief Letter of Support** from faculty, staff, or community member

To apply, please submit your application materials to MCLA-IAH Coordinator:

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