

2020 LMU FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT OVERVIEW

Loyola Marymount University is committed to the service of faith and the promotion of justice (<https://www.lmu.edu/about/mission/>). The pursuit of social justice in its many forms is a distinctive feature of the traditions of all three of LMU's sponsoring religious congregations (the Society of Jesus/Jesuits, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, and the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange). Inspired by these traditions, the LMU community dedicates itself to reflecting critically on the sources of systemic oppression and marginalization and finding ways to remedy suffering through the promotion of innovative curricula as well as research and creative activity.

The call to justice has become definitive of Jesuit higher education in recent decades. In 2000, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, urged universities to make space for what he called "the gritty reality of this world" to enter into our lives so that we can "learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering, and engage it constructively." In recent pronouncements, this attention to justice has been defined particularly in terms of the need for reconciliation with God, with one another, and with Creation, that is, the natural world. In emphasizing the importance of reconciliation for achieving justice the Jesuits thus find alignment with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange, for whom reconciliation is a prerequisite for justice "so that all may be one," in the words of their motto taken from the Gospel of John.

In seeking justice, then, members of the LMU community, regardless of their own faith commitments, are encouraged to look to the vast resources offered by the Catholic Church and LMU's sponsoring religious communities and also by other faith traditions in informing their own disciplinary approaches to justice. This grant opportunity invites faculty to integrate issues of faith and justice—and an understanding of social justice consistent with LMU's Mission Statement—into their scholarship.

Every year, up to five grants will be awarded to continuing tenured and tenure-track faculty at LMU. Faith and Justice Research grant proposals must address one of the following:

- 1) Research questions related to the service of faith and the promotion of justice as defined in LMU's mission statement, or**
- 2) Research questions that focus on issues of social justice in support of LMU's mission.**

For example, in previous years faculty from different colleges have been awarded for research topics such as:

- MLB's African American Involvement Problem: Examining Corporate Social Responsibility as a Predictor of African American Consumer Motives (2019)
- "You Can't Get Well in a Cell:" The Rhetoric of California's Prison Abolition Movement (2019)
- Catholic Responses to WWII Japanese American Incarceration (2018)
- Rhetorics of Nationalism, The American Dream and Immigration Justice (2018)
- How Donald Trump and the Religious Right are Using a Brand of Faith to Decrease Justice (2017)
- Fire at Sea: The Justice (and Injustice) of Documentary Realism (2017)

2020 LMU FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT Checklist and Guidelines

Faith & Justice Research Grants are awarded to continuing tenured and tenure-track faculty whose research:

1. Specifically addresses the integration of faith and social justice, or
2. Focuses specifically on issues of social justice.

Five grants of \$4000 are available this academic year. Please follow the grant application procedures in this document, paying careful attention to key dates. To submit your application, please contact Katie Romani, Faculty Affairs (OFD@lmu.edu) or x86553 for access to the BOX submission folder (Faith & Justice Research Grant Applicants 2020).

All application materials must be uploaded to BOX by **5:00 PM on February 11, 2020**.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applicant:

- Faith & Justice Research Grant Application
- Project Narrative - (three pages, single-spaced)
- Curriculum Vitae - (3 pages maximum)
- Signed Grant Condition Form

Chair or Dean:

Recommendation letter. A recommendation letter from the Dean or Department Chair should be uploaded to BOX or emailed to OFD@lmu.edu.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Faith and Justice Research Grants are awarded only to continuing full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty.
- Successful applicants must have a commitment to continue with the University for the following academic year.
- The Faith & Justice Committee entertains only one (1) application from an individual per academic year.
- Faculty are eligible for funding every other summer. If, as a continuing faculty member, you were awarded a 2019 Faith and Justice Research Grant, you will be ineligible to apply for a 2020 Faith and Justice Research Grant. However, you may apply to one of the other 2020 LMU Internal Summer Grant competitions.

FUNDING:

- The award is \$4,000. Eighty percent of the grant (\$3,200) will be awarded through payroll in late May. The remaining 20% (\$800) will be awarded in early November, upon receipt and approval of a satisfactory final report.
- Accept award via e-mail (OFD@lmu.edu) by April 1, 2020 at 5pm.
- Faculty may only accept one LMU internal grant each summer. In addition, faculty may not accept another internal grant for the same project.
- If two faculty members agree to work on a joint project, grant funds will be split.

Award recipients will be required to submit a final report of their grant activities with an attached updated course syllabus by October 15, 2020.

If you have any questions about these application procedures, contact Cathleen McGrath, Chair of the Faculty Committee on Mission and Identity (Cathleen.McGrath@lmu.edu) or the Office of Faculty Affairs at ext. 86553 or ofd@lmu.edu.

**2020 FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT
TIMETABLE**

February 11, 2020	Submission Deadline: All application materials (including one recommendation letter) must be uploaded to BOX by 5:00 PM.
March 15, 2020	Faith & Justice Research Grant awards announced via email.
April 1, 2020	Accept award via e-mail (OFD@lmu.edu) by 5pm.
Late May 2020	Initial payment of 80% of the grant amount is funded through payroll.
October 15, 2020	Internal Summer Grant final report and cover sheet , signed by Applicant and Chair , are due to your Dean . Within 10 days, the Dean's office will e-mail final report and cover sheet to the Faculty Committee on Mission and Identity Chair in care of the Office of Faculty Affairs.
Early November 2020	Final 20% of grant funds disbursed through payroll following approval of final report by Dean and Faculty Committee on Mission and Identity Chair.

**2020 FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT
APPLICATION**
FOR CONTINUING TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

College/School: _____ Dept: _____

Campus Building: _____ Suite/Room#: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Campus Phone: _____

II. CURRICULUM VITAE INFORMATION (3 PAGES)

Attach a curriculum vitae that includes a list of pertinent publications, performances, exhibits or films.

III. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (1)

Applicant must request a recommendation letter from their department Chair or Dean, addressing the relevance of the project to the stated goals of the grant. Please include recommendation letter in BOX folder submission.

IV. PROJECT NARRATIVE

Provide a title and a project description with the headings listed below.

- Project narrative should not exceed three single-spaced pages.
- An additional bibliography page listing references/citations pertinent to the project may be added as a fourth page.

1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Briefly describe your project. State your research question(s) and goal(s) defining any terms specific to your discipline. Clearly state how the questions are related to issues of faith and social justice or issues of social justice aligned with the LMU Mission.

2. **FAITH AND JUSTICE:** (a) Describe how issues of faith and social justice inform your project in a manner that is consistent with the Mission of LMU and the stated goals of the grant or, (b) describe how your project promotes an understanding of social justice that is consistent with the Mission of LMU and the stated goals of the grant.
3. **BACKGROUND:** Include an annotated literature review, or the equivalent in your discipline, that places your proposed research project in the context of other scholars or artists who have examined issues of faith and/or social justice.
4. **METHOD:** Describe your methodology, i.e., your approach to the project. Since methodologies differ widely across and within the disciplines, describe your methodology clearly and thoroughly. Also, address the theoretical framework for the project.
5. **TIMELINE OF PROJECT:** Describe your work plan including a project start date and projected timeline. State specifically what will be the tangible outcome at the end of the grant period.
6. **PLAN FOR DISSEMINATION:** Describe precisely your plans for the dissemination of your research or exhibition of your creative work, citing specific scholarly conferences, names of journals, galleries, performance venues, internal venues, etc.
7. **SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORK:** State the expected contribution of the project to your field of inquiry. How will it add significantly to the existing body of knowledge and lead to a better understanding of faith and social justice?

LMU INTERNAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Please read the following items carefully. Sign this form to signify your consent of the grant conditions and include it with your 2020 LMU Internal Grant Application.

Initial	Grant Condition
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_____ I understand that I may accept only one 2020 LMU Internal Grant.

_____ I understand that the funding of a 2020 LMU Internal Grant requires that I will return to LMU as a full-time faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Does your research involve human subjects? (circle one). Yes No

_____ If my research involves Human Subjects, I agree to submit an IRB protocol to LMU's Institutional Review Board, which requires approval on or before the start date of my project. *

_____ If my project uses animal subjects, I agree to submit a protocol for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), which requires approval on or before the start date of my project.

**For IRB applications and additional information on "Human Subjects and Animal Health & Welfare" please visit the Research Advancement and Compliance website at: <https://academics.lmu.edu/irb/> and follow the appropriate links.*

I have read and agreed to all of the above LMU Internal Grant Conditions.

Applicant's signature

Date

2020 FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT
FINAL REPORT COVER SHEET

Attach a final report addressing the four points listed below. The report must be typed and no longer than two pages, using one-inch margins. Sign the cover sheet, obtain your Chair's signature, if applicable, and submit the final report and cover sheet to your **Dean** by **October 15, 2020**. Within 10 days, the Dean's office will route the final report to the Faculty Committee on Mission and Identity Chair in care of the Office of Faculty Affairs (UH 4820) for approval and signature.

- 1. Name:** _____
Department: _____
Project Title: _____
Completion Date: _____

- 2. Please address the following four points in your report:**
- a. State the original project.
 - b. Provide a description of the work done on the project.
 - c. Provide an appraisal of the relationship between the results anticipated and those obtained.
 - d. Describe any future outcomes for the research project you have just completed. Note any anticipated publications, conference presentations, continuing research, LMU faculty seminars, screenings, and/or exhibitions.

3. Approval of final research report: *

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| 1. Applicant's Signature: _____ | _____ Date: |
| 2. Chair's Signature: _____ | _____ Date: |
| 3. Dean's Signature: _____ | _____ Date: |
| 4. Faculty Committee on Mission and Identity Chair's Signature: _____ | _____ Date: |

* If approval is denied, please attach a separate sheet and cite specific reasons for the denial.