

2019 LMU FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT OVERVIEW

Loyola Marymount University is committed to the service of faith and the promotion of justice. 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 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.

While the promotion of social justice is not uniquely Catholic, at LMU the imperative to create a more just society begins with the radical social message of Jesus of Nazareth as communicated through the Christian Gospels and finds further expression in the recent teachings of popes, bishops, and Church councils commonly known as Catholic Social Teaching. For their part, the Jesuits have defined the contemporary mission of the Society of Jesus as "the service of faith of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement." 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.

The call of justice has, for that matter, become definitive of Jesuit and Ignatian higher education in recent decades. In a speech from 2000 that continues to reverberate throughout our universities today, the then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, 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." Indeed, it was in response to this very address by Fr. Kolvenbach that LMU created the Faith and Justice grants.

This grant opportunity invites faculty to integrate issues of faith and justice—or an understanding of social justice consistent with LMU's Mission Statement—into their research. This grant was created to embody a commitment to justice in LMU's academic ethos. In 2001, an annual grant competition was established with the goal of encouraging faculty to integrate issues of faith and justice—or an understanding of justice consistent with the LMU Mission—into their research. The purpose of this grant opportunity is to enable faculty to think more profoundly about the issues at the heart of our Mission.

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.**

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

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)

2019 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 on issues of social justice in a secular way.

Please follow the grant application procedures in this document, paying careful attention to key dates. To submit your application, please contact Monica Rios, Faculty Affairs (monica.rios@lmu.edu) or x86529 for access to BOX submission folder (Faith & Justice Research Grant Applicants 2019).

All application materials (including one recommendation letter) must be uploaded to BOX by 5:00 PM on the submission February 15, 2019.

Proposals must include the following items:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:
<p>Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Faith & Justice Research Grant Application<input type="checkbox"/> Project Narrative - (three pages, single-spaced)<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae - (3 pages maximum)<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Grant Condition Form <p>Chair or Dean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> (1) Recommendation letter. Please include recommendation letter with documents above in BOX folder.

ELIGIBILITY:

- ♦ Faith and Justice Research Grants are awarded only to continuing full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty.
- ♦ Applicants must hold a terminal degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., or M.F.A.) at the commencement of the grant period.
- ♦ Signed faculty contract 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 academic year.

FUNDING:

- ♦ The award is **\$4,000**. Eighty percent of the grant (\$3,200) will be awarded through payroll in May 2019. The remaining 20% (\$800) will be awarded in October 2019, upon receipt and approval of a satisfactory final report. If you would like to receive the award within a personal 12-account for supplies, travel, etc., please contact Kat Weaver (kathleen.weaver@lmu.edu) to discuss.
- ♦ Accept award via e-mail (monica.rios@lmu.edu) by April 15, 2019 at 5pm.
- ♦ Faculty may only accept one LMU internal grant each year.
- ♦ 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.

If you have any questions about these application procedures, contact Carla Bittel, Chair of the Faith and Justice Research Grant Committee, at 310-338-2951 or cbittel@lmu.edu or the Office of Faculty Affairs at ext. 86529 or monica.rios@lmu.edu.

2019 FAITH & JUSTICE RESEARCH GRANT TIMETABLE

February 15, 2019	Submission Deadline: All application materials (including one recommendation letter) must be uploaded to BOX by 5:00 PM.
April 1, 2019	Faith & Justice Research Grant awards announced.
April 15, 2019	Accept award via e-mail (monica.rios@lmu.edu) by 5pm.
May 15, 2019	Initial payment of 80% of the grant amount is funded through payroll.
October 15, 2019	Internal Summer Grant final report and cover sheet, signed by Applicant and Chair (if applicable) are due to your Dean. Within 10 days, the Dean's office should e-mail final report and cover sheet to the Faith and Justice Research Committee Chair in care of the Office of Faculty Affairs.
October 31 2019	Final 20% of grant funds disbursed through payroll following approval of final report by Dean and FJRC Chair.

**2019 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: _____ Office 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 his/her 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/or social justice.

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 2019 LMU Internal Grant Application.

Initial	Grant Condition
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- I understand that **I may accept only one 2019 LMU Internal Grant.**
- I understand that the funding of a 2019 LMU Internal Grant requires that I sign and return a valid contract for full-time teaching at LMU for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- 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 Office of Research and Sponsored Projects website at: <http://academics.lmu.edu/orsp/> and follow the appropriate links.

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

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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, 2019**. Within 10 days, the Dean's office will route the final report to the Faith and Justice Research Committee 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. Faith & Justice Research Committee Chair's Signature: _____ | _____ |
| | Date: |

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