

College of Fine Arts Microgrants for New Technologies

The College of Fine Arts invites proposals for small grants of up to \$1500 to be awarded to budgeted, full-time CoFA faculty members who wish to acquire new skills (the first priority of this program) or advance their skills in digital technologies/new media in order to advance research, creative practice, or pedagogy. Given the growing role of digital technologies in the arts and university life in general, and the fast pace of change in this domain, emphasis will be given to training opportunities that engage with new media, digital technologies, computational approaches. Faculty are encouraged to seek out such opportunities offered by leading centers/institutes such as the Digital Humanities Summer Institute.

Funds may be used for expenses only, including software, hardware, costs of training courses, workshops registration fees, and travel. Software or hardware purchased through the grant will remain the property of TCU.

Possible projects include:

- Attending a summer institute or workshop at a leading Digital Humanities Center
- Designing a new course (or overhauling an existing course) in order to incorporate new media and/or digital technologies.
- Designing a research project or creative activity (or overhauling an existing project) in order to take advantage of new tools in digital technologies/new media/computational approaches.

Each brief proposal (no more than 3 pages double spaced) should include the following:

- A completed grant cover sheet.
- Description of the proposed use of funds and explanation of how the grant will contribute directly to advance research, creative practice, or pedagogy. This description should make clear how/why the tools/training were identified, reputation of these tools/training in the field, and why/how the tools/training are particularly well suited for this project.
- Description of the applicant's previous training/preparation in new media/digital technologies/computational approaches.
- Specific amount requested (attach relevant documentation). If proposing the acquisition of software/hardware, provide documentation that it is compatible with TCU systems and can be sustained. Consultation with IT is strongly recommended (documentation of this consultation should be included as an appendix to the proposal).
- Description of how your home department/school and/or the college will benefit from learning about this course or project.
- Updated C.V. (TCU format) (not part of the page length stipulated above)

Recipients will be required to offer a brief report to the department/school or College describing how the technology grant was used and the impact of the grant.

Proposals should be submitted to the Dean's office electronically to Tracy Fear (t.fear@tcu.edu) by

- Fall Semester: Second Monday in November
- Spring Semester: First Monday in April

There will be up to four awards of \$1500 available.