



Call For Proposals

Immigration Research Summer Awards (IRSA)

Second Round – Summer 2013

Deadline: Monday, May 6, 2013

The Immigration Research Summer Awards (IRSA) is a program sponsored by the Immigration Studies Working Group (ISWG) and funded by the Queens College Foundation. The purpose of this initiative is to promote collaborative work and feasible research projects that address relevant and timely immigration issues, both in the US and abroad. The Immigration Research Summer Awards (IRSA) provides research funds to full-time faculty (untenured and tenured) whose projects demonstrate feasibility and promise to be developed into larger proposals.

Selection Committee

A selection committee comprised by QC faculty and chaired by Dr. Betsy Hendrey, COO and VP, will evaluate all proposals and will make the final decisions. In its second round, the committee expects to fund approximately six awards. In all instances, funding is subject to the availability of funds and budgetary approvals.

Eligibility

Projects will be assessed on the basis of their clarity, quality, and viability of the proposed research plan, as well as on their potential to be funded by external agencies. Full-time faculty members, either untenured or tenured, from all QC Divisions are encouraged to apply.

Proposals that include inter-disciplinary and multi-methods approaches, involving QC faculty from different departments and divisions, are especially welcome. In case of projects including more than one principal investigator, the role of each researcher should be clearly detailed.

Award Amounts

IRSA Awards will range between US \$ 3,500 and US \$ 4,000 and can be used for either summer salary or research expenses, including paying stipends to research assistants or to

postgraduate researchers. For grantees choosing a summer stipend, payments for the total amount of the award will be made at the beginning of the award period. In case of projects with more than one principal investigator, each researcher will receive a separate check. For grantees opting to pay for research expenses, including stipends for graduate students or postgraduate researchers, the release of funds will be made upon payment requests for completed services.

Submission guidelines and Award Requirements

All projects must clearly state the research process including general and specific objectives, conceptual framework, and summary of the literature, methods, and expected results. Proposals should include the following items:

- 1) Applicants' names, academic position, and institutional affiliation (division and department).
- 2) Project Summary: A maximum of 200 words.
- 3) Narrative description of the research project. This section should have a maximum of 3 single-spaced pages, including references and citations, with one-inch borders and 12-point type.
- 4) Statement of the investigators' commitment to fostering the Center's mission. This section should include an explanation of how the project will benefit future collaborations with CISQC.
- 5) Potential for external funding. Candidates should identify a program (with either public or private agencies) that will be interested in future funding of their projects.
- 6) Biographical sketch: A brief biographical sketch (one for each faculty member) of 2-3 paragraphs should accompany the proposal.
- 7) All awardees are expected to submit reports in the Spring 2013. Reports will provide a narrative description of the research findings and related outcomes (grant proposals submitted as a result of the IRSA award, research collaborations and publications). Compliance with this item will be considered for future eligibility for IRSA rounds.
- 8) IRSA awardees will be invited to present their research results at an IRSA Seminar to be held in the Spring 2014.

Submission Procedure

Proposals must be addressed to the attention of the IRSA Selection Committee and submitted via e-mail only (in word or PDF format) to Anahi Viladrich (anahi.viladrich@qc.cuny.edu). Please write IRSA Proposal in the subject line of your e-mail. Proposals should be submitted not later than **on Monday, May 6, 2013**. For any additional questions please e-mail Anahi Viladrich, Director of the Immigration Studies Working Group at QC.

Timeline

Deadline for submitting electronic proposals: **Monday, May 6, 2013**.

Deadline for notification of final decisions: **Friday, June 7, 2013**.