

Now Open: CFP for Spring 2021 and 2021-22 funding.
Apply at cnycorridor.net/forms; proposals due 10/19/2020

Who Can Apply? We welcome proposals by new and existing Working Groups from faculty and academic staff at Syracuse University, Cornell University, the University of Rochester, Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Skidmore College, St. Lawrence University, Union College, Le Moyne College, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

A **Working Group** is formed by individuals from Corridor-affiliated institutions in different locales/cities who come together to organize collaborative activities centered on a key theme, concern, or issue in the humanities. Groups apply for Corridor funding to support their academic year activities. Many groups are open to new members, but proposals for new working groups are always welcome.

Working Group Activities take many forms, and the possibilities are endless—from a deep dive into a discipline to broad interdisciplinary queries, from convening to form writing groups, develop manuscripts or explore humanities methods, to advancing community engagement and taking up key social issues. Visit our website to see [models of working group activities](#) (including examples of digital collaborations) and also [current Corridor activities](#).

Proposal Categories

- (1) **New Working Group:** Funding for new groups is up to \$1500. Once your group is established, you may submit proposals as a Continuing Working Group in categories 2 and 3, below.
- (2) **Continuing Working Group:** Ongoing groups with activities occurring in more than one Corridor location over time may apply for up to \$5000 per academic year (up to \$2500 per activity).
- (3) **Signature Event:** Established groups may propose a high-impact event (e.g., conference, exhibit, performance) needing more funding (\$10,000 cap, availability varies annually). Signature Events require a public component and substantive involvement from 3 or more Corridor institutions.

Deadlines: We have two annual deadlines (Fall and Spring) to submit proposals.

- ⇒ **October 19, 2020 is the current proposal deadline** for activities in Spring 2021 and/or 2021-22.
- ⇒ March 29, 2021 will be the Spring deadline to propose activities during academic year 2021-22.

How do I form a Working Group—and how do Working Groups “work”?

- Each group needs **Organizers** who are faculty/academic staff from Corridor institutions. At least one Organizer in every Group must be from Cornell, Syracuse Univ., or Univ. of Rochester. Organizers form groups and coordinate WG activities. You can belong to (or organize) more than one group.
- Each WG **activity** needs an Organizer who is from the “host campus” for that activity.
- All groups and activities involve members from Corridor institutions in **2 or more locales/cities**.
- Each group selects an interdisciplinary **Research Cluster**: Archives & Media (AM); Digital Humanities (DH); Historical Studies (HS); Humanities Futures (HF); Inequality & Social Difference (ISD); Linguistics (LIN); Literature, Language & Culture (LLC); Musicology / Performance Studies (MP); Philosophy/Critical Theory (PCT); Visual Arts & Culture (VAC).

Questions? If you have questions about crafting proposals, creating new Working Groups, selecting Research Clusters, or to learn how your ideas could fit Corridor frameworks, contact the CNY Humanities Corridor Program Manager, Aimee Germain: 315.443.8685; aagermai@syr.edu.

Budget Tips for a Successful Proposal in the Time of COVID

Carefully Select Your Host Campus and Semester

Our funding stems from different Corridor endowments at three partner institutions (SU, CU, UR)—your awards are tied to these endowments via the Host Campus and Semester specified in your proposal.

- ⇒ Changing a host campus means asking for support from *a different pool of funds*: that is not always possible—money cannot “move” between the different endowments.
- ⇒ For *remote-format* activities, a “host campus” still must be identified due to our funding structure.

Funding Options

While travel costs and group meals are currently prohibited and unlikely to be allowed across the Corridor in Spring 2021, there are many other ways our funding can support your collaborations:

Honoraria

- ⇒ Scholars, artists, experts, workshop or retreat facilitators, and authors (all from non-Corridor institutions) **can** be paid honoraria with our funds.
- ⇒ Individuals from Corridor institutions **cannot** receive honoraria from our funds.

Campus IT Support

Consultant or Vendor Fees

Books or E-Books

Accessibility Funding

- ⇒ To support accessibility and inclusive format activities, complete the separate **Accessibility Funding** section on the proposal form. For online formats, this could include real-time captioning and transcription.

Travel Costs (once in-person campus activities are allowed again across the Corridor)

- ⇒ Reimbursement from the **Intra-Corridor Travel Supplement** helps convene WG members from across Corridor campuses and helps faculty/academic staff/graduate students attend Corridor activities (symposia, workshops, etc.) at other Corridor institutions. [Guidelines](#) are online.

Note: Both Accessibility Funding and the Intra-Corridor Travel Supplement are available, *above and beyond amounts proposed/awarded via your Working Group Activity Budget(s)*.

Content Tips for a Successful Proposal

Details Matter

- ⇒ For each proposed activity, provide a **descriptive activity title** (e.g., Workshop on Wakandan Aesthetics), as opposed to something overly generic (e.g., “Fall Lecture”).
- ⇒ Delineate your **activity plans in some detail** and provide a description to help the review committee understand your aims. For example, if you have prospective speakers in mind, list their names, fields, and home institutions. If your activity has a specific goal/purpose, identify it.
- ⇒ **Brevity, combined with some context** to explain what you’re aiming to do, is key to writing a successful funding proposal. We encourage you to **be succinct**, yet to still be sure to elaborate on your group’s plans for the funding you’re requesting.

Examples

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