

**Multidisciplinary Ventures and Seminars Fund**  
*Guidelines and Application*

**Deadlines:    Tuesday, October 9, 2007**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

This fund is designed to provide partial support for new projects involving full-time faculty and librarians from at least two different disciplines working together. Its purpose is to furnish seed money to help collaborative projects get underway and thereby to encourage interdisciplinary exchange, intellectual growth into new and multidisciplinary areas of inquiry, and external grant funding emanating from such activities.

Proposals are encouraged in all areas of intellectual inquiry, contemporary and historical, that draw together two or more disciplines in an innovative way, including those fostering the University goals of globalization and internationalization of research and creative activities. The project may center on research, instruction, outreach, or seminar activity. To be eligible for funding it must be coordinated by two or more full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty or librarians from the Indiana University-Bloomington campus representing at least two different disciplines and with primary academic homes in different schools or in different departments of the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

1. The quality of the proposal, including a clear plan and rationale and a detailed budget;
2. The interdisciplinary nature of the project;
3. Evidence of previous success of the participants in their respective fields;
4. Evidence of outside financial support or prospects for such support;
5. The expected tangible or lasting effects of the project for the university community.

Examples of projects that have been funded in the recent past include “Public Opinion About the EU in East-Central Europe: A Conference,” “The Scholarly Study of Gender and Sexuality,” “Middle Eastern Conflict & Reform Seminar,” and “Race Across Time and Space: African American, Latino, and Afro-Latino Communities in the United States and the Caribbean.”

**Proposals must include the following information:**

1. A cover sheet indicating the names, campus addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail, and addresses of the applicants; the title of the project; duration of the project.
2. Abstract: brief description of the project, purpose and significance, and anticipated results.
3. Budget.
4. Plan and rationale: how the project will be organized and executed, and provide rationale for the project and the methods and procedures used.
5. Supporting letters of recommendation if appropriate and desired.
6. Current, brief curriculum vitae for each proposed participant.
7. Signatures of the applicants.

The application form is attached below, or is available in print form upon request from the Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties (855-2809).

The completed, signed proposal should be submitted to **Bryan Hall, Room 111**.

The Multidisciplinary Ventures and Seminars Fund Committee will make the final selections. Their decisions will be announced about six weeks after each application deadline. Since the Committee is composed of faculty members from various disciplines who are unlikely to be expert in particular topics proposed, applicants should write in clear prose.

For most collaborative projects, the maximum award will be \$5,000, although it is anticipated that most awards will be smaller than this. Major projects involving many faculty from a variety of disciplines may, in extraordinary circumstances, receive funding up to \$20,000. There should be at least one additional source of financial support covering a substantial portion of the project's expenses, or a good prospect of receiving such support. Awards will not cover the cost of food, food services, or Conference Bureau fees.

A summary report is due at the end of the project.

The Committee also has at its disposal a small discretionary fund for which applications will be accepted at any time. Requests should not exceed \$500. Please mark applications for discretionary funding clearly at the top of the application.

**You may direct questions to:**

Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties  
Bryan Hall, Room 111  
855-2809  
dof@indiana.edu

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Indiana University – Bloomington Campus**

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**Project title:**

Name:

Rank / Title:

Department / Division of Principal Appointment:

Other Departments / Divisions (if any):

Address:

Phone(s):

E-mail address:

Name:

Rank / Title:

Department / Division of Principal Appointment:

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**Project Title:**

**Duration of project:**

**Abstract** (Describe the purpose and significance of the project, including the issue(s) to be explored; the multidisciplinary methodologies and perspectives to be involved; the immediate product or outcome expected; the expected contributions to knowledge; and the expected tangible or lasting effects for the university community):

**Plan and Rationale** (Describe how the project will be organized and executed, and provide a rationale for the project and the methods and procedures to be used):

## Detailed Budget

Please provide a detailed budget here or on an attached page. (Items might include clerical needs, supplies, honoraria for visiting speakers, travel, per diem, etc.)

**Project Title:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount Req. From MVSF</u>	<u>Amount Req. From Other Sources</u>
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**Subtotals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sources (and amounts) of other Indiana University funds received for this project:

Sources (and amounts) of outside support applied for or received for this project:

Applicants' signatures:

_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____
_____	Date: _____

Please forward this application, current curriculum vitae, and other relevant information about the professional activities of each participant to **Office of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties, Bryan Hall, Room 111, Indiana University-Bloomington**. Supporting letters of recommendation may be included if appropriate and desired, but are not required.