

**Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study
NEW KNOWLEDGE SEMINARS**

Call for Proposals for 2009-10

The Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) is now accepting applications for New Knowledge Seminars for 2009-10.

The Deadline for Applications is April 17, 2009. Maximum awards are \$20,000.

New Knowledge Seminars are held under the auspices of the Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study and are designed to advance research projects that will foster multi-disciplinary perspectives and collaboration between Indiana University faculty and scholars and artists anywhere in the world. Seminar participants will normally consist of faculty from two or more Indiana University departments or units. Seminars will meet over the course of one academic year and will be expected to bring at least one collaborator from another university or a recognized research organization to participate in discussions. They aim at allowing faculty to refine their thinking, perfect conceptual designs necessary for research, or develop proposals for external funding. They can be used either to enhance the efforts of working groups already underway or launch new groups. Funds can be spent to bring collaborators to Indiana University, acquire needed reading materials, secure technological assistance, or cover basic research expenses for seminar participants. The Institute will assist seminar groups in the formulation of grant proposals that might come from the seminars themselves. If necessary, the IAS can also offer meeting space. At least one public lecture or presentation will be made each year by one or more of the seminar participants. Seminar leaders will report to the IAS on their activities at the end of the academic year.

Proposals will be evaluated primarily in terms of the promise they hold for developing new insights and fresh perspectives. Prospects for attracting external support in subsequent years will be a secondary consideration.

Applications for New Knowledge Seminar Grants will consist of:

- 1. A cover letter from seminar conveners explaining the central intellectual ideas to be studied or probed and listing the key faculty participants in the seminar. The letter should also include a list of possible visitors and provide logistical information: the time period during which the seminar will run, a brief budget, and plans for seeking additional funds.**
- 2. A list of all participants and their c.v.s.**
- 3. Two letters of support from recognized scholars or artists based anywhere in the world supporting the proposal.**

All proposals will be evaluated by the Governing Board of the Institute of Advanced Study and can be sent electronically to Ivona Hedin, Academic Specialist, at ihedin@indiana.edu,

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