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To: Indiana University Faculty Members

From: Vice President for Research Jorge José

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the 2010-2011 New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities internal funding program. The goal of New Frontiers is to enable Indiana University faculty members to expand their creative and scholarly work in transformative ways. In order to facilitate this, I have made a few evolutionary changes to the program:

First, we will no longer distinguish between New Frontiers, New Directions, and New Perspectives grants. One single grant program, New Frontiers, will now include funding for all major projects, assisting in the development of innovative and transformative works of creativity or scholarship by individuals or teams of faculty members from two or more departments, units, schools or disciplines. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded under this program, while the Exploration Travel Fellowship program (grants of up to \$2,500) will continue unchanged.

Second, we will reserve a proportion of the overall budget for use as discretionary New Frontiers funding. Recognizing that inspiration does not always strike according to grant deadlines, we hope that reserving some funds for ad hoc allocation, always based on a consultation, review and recommendation by subject experts, will enable IU to support special transformative initiatives and opportunities in the arts and humanities that arise throughout the academic year.

Third, I have asked Associate Vice Provost for Research Geoffrey Conrad to work with members of the review committee to facilitate revision and same-year resubmission of selected proposals. In the past, proposals that required relatively small revision nonetheless had to wait a full year for resubmission, a delay which risked derailing creative and scholarly innovation. Professor Conrad will work with faculty members whose proposals were close to be recommended for funding for quick resubmission to enable a second review during the academic year, so that we can respond to faculty members' energy and enthusiasm for their projects in a timely fashion.

I strongly believe in the importance of the New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Program which is intended to help you produce your excellent and transformative creative and scholarly work. I am committed to continuing this unique opportunity, while looking for ways to use IU's resources as effectively as possible to support your efforts. I invite you to bring to our attention any suggestions or ideas you have for improving the program in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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