The Dean of the College of Arts and Letters invites applications to the ninth cycle of a research award program in the humanities and social sciences, or, more generally, the liberal arts. The "Critical Thinking Grants in the Humanities and Social Sciences" (CTG) aim to encourage the examination and testing of propositions which lead to the creation of new knowledge.

The CTG grant period is one academic year, starting August 22, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. Final reports for this grant cycle are due June 30, 2019.

**Recipients of this grant must wait two years before reapplying.** Recipients of CTG in the last grant cycle (2016 application for 2017/2018 awards) are asked not to submit a proposal this year.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All Unit 3 faculty in the College of Arts and Letters, regardless of rank, are strongly encouraged to apply: Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Full Professors.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** October 3, 2017

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DEAN’S OFFICE:** November 6, 2016

**AWARD NOTIFICATION:** Late December via email

**NUMBER OF COPIES:** SUBMIT ORIGINAL PLUS 5 COPIES

**AWARD CATEGORY:** Course release

Applicants may apply for a one-course release during the grant cycle (Fall 2018 or Spring 2019) for such purposes as writing an article or book, or preparing a proposal for external funding. For the AY-2018-2019 grant cycle, approximately 12 awards are available in this category. **The signature of the department chair is required on all applications for course release.**

**REVIEW PROCESS:**

A committee consisting of five CAL faculty chosen from across the disciplines will review the proposals and make ranked recommendations to the Dean for the awards.
CRITERIA FOR RANKING PROPOSALS:

1. The quality of the proposal, including its scholarly and scientific merits; its significance in the scholarly literature as well as in the classroom; its relevance to the applicant’s professional growth; and the appropriateness of its scope, methods, and budget.

2. Work completed, or, if the project is a pilot study, then the applicant should identify potential venues for publication and potential external funding sources.

3. Anticipated results, including the venues where the project will be submitted for publication and/or external funding.

4. Feasibility. Feasibility will be measured in relation to the justification cited in the proposal as well as the track record of the applicant. Important indicators include refereed publications, particularly those resulting from previous grants and awards; the applicant’s expertise in the area of investigation; the likelihood of executing the plan within the funding period; the probability of the project leading to refereed publications or of obtaining future external funding.

FINAL REPORT OF THE PROJECT:

The awardee will submit a brief final report of the project by June 30, 2019. These reports must focus on publications (or external funding) resulting from CTG or delineate progress toward publication (or external funding). Awardees who fail to submit a final report will be ineligible to apply for future funding in this program.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. Applicant Information.
   Name, Department, Academic Rank, Project Title

2. Project Description.
   Maximum of 1000 words (single spaced, one-inch margins, no smaller than 12 pt font). The description must have the following information in lay terminology, (although not necessarily in this order): goals; significance, including place in the scholarly theory and literature; methods; work already completed; timeline of completion; anticipated results; benefits to students. Also, identify your professional experience as it relates to the project and explain how the project will enhance your professional growth.

SUMMARY OF TIMELINE for 2018/2019 grant cycle:

- October 3, 2017: CTG call for proposals sent from CAL
- November 6, 2017: CTG proposals due to CAL Dean’s Office (Attention Bart Chafe) (5+original)
- December, 2017: Notification of award decisions (late December)
- August 22, 2018: Award period begins
- August 22 2018 – June 30, 2019: Funding period
- June 30, 2019: Final report due to the attention of Bart Chafe