

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:  
ICGC FACULTY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CIRCLE GRANTS  
Deadline: March 31, 2017**

The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) in partnership with the Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce an initiative to fund collaborative and interdisciplinary research circles involving ICGC faculty and students. Supported research projects should relate to ICGC's academic mission through a focus on global change. ICGC seeks to support projects related to global change and the global south and addressing issues of peace, conflict, security, social and environmental change, justice, human rights, development and international cooperation. We understand the global south to include communities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America as well as communities in North America, Europe and elsewhere experiencing marginalization and living precariously in the context of global change.

The research circles will bring participants together for a period of sustained interaction (one to two years) around a theme of common interest and across disciplinary lines. ICGC seeks to support scholarly research initiatives of an interdisciplinary and international nature designed to:

- **Foster an interdisciplinary community of ICGC faculty and graduate students:** Projects must be led by ICGC-affiliated faculty with the involvement of ICGC Scholars, but can also include faculty and students not affiliated with ICGC from both inside the University of Minnesota and from partner institutions (universities, research institutes, nonprofit/nongovernmental organizations). We particularly encourage inclusion of ICGC alumni and international partners where relevant. If you are interested in identifying ICGC alumni engaged in work related to your thematic interests, please contact Karen Brown ([kbt@umn.edu](mailto:kbt@umn.edu)) to discuss potential participants. Projects may also include speakers or other public events to enable broader engagement with the ICGC and University communities. We encourage research circle grant recipients to consider a public event sharing their research during or soon after their grant term.
- **Explore innovative research agendas with a global south dimension and interdisciplinary range:** Research circles should identify questions and develop projects or agendas that are both genuinely interdisciplinary and connected to the global south and/or to interactions between global south and global north.
- **Develop continued collaboration:** An additional goal of these research circles is the development of ongoing networks and projects. We ask research circle grant recipients to commit to identifying external funding opportunities to continue the work of the groups through grants administered by ICGC. ICGC will provide support for this process. One example of an ICGC Research Circle that has successfully pursued additional external funding is the International WaTERS (Water-related Training, Education and Research in the Global South) Research and Training Network. This initiative grew from

a research circle started with ICGC seed funding and including several ICGC alumni from various institutions in the U.S., South Africa, Canada and Turkey. The project addresses water governance and access challenges, with a focus on the Global South. ICGC partnered with the University of British Columbia to secure a three-year grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) in 2014. This grant has provided research and curriculum development support for ICGC faculty and students. More information can be found at the following link:  
<http://icgc.umn.edu/collaborations/international-partnerships/partnership-university-british-columbia/international>

Research circle grants will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support one- to two-year initiatives. For two-year projects, an interim progress report at the end of year one is required. For all projects, a final report is required outlining research circle activities, expenditure of funds and future funding possibilities. Funded research circles may begin their work immediately upon notification of award, but no later than Fall 2017.

Proposals for research circles are due by March 31, 2017 with funding decisions to be announced in April 2017. Grant funds will be available as early as June 2017 to support circle activities in 2017-2018.

**Application Procedure (March 31, 2017 deadline):**

Please submit a 3- to 5-page description of the proposed collaborative research circle including the following elements:

- Description of the thematic focus and broad research questions to be addressed by the group
- Description of research circle activities to be undertaken and supported by this grant
- List of participants with institutional and departmental affiliations, including one or two designated ICGC faculty leaders for the project (NOTE: ICGC faculty members may participate in a maximum of two proposals and serve as a lead on a maximum of one proposal)
- Abbreviated CV of ICGC faculty leaders
- Brief budget outlining the major categories of expenditure
- List of other sources of support received or applied for to support the project
- List of potential future funding sources for the continued project

**Proposals are due to ICGC by March 31, 2017.**

**Proposals should be sent via email (as an email attachment) to both [kbt@umn.edu](mailto:kbt@umn.edu) and [icgc@umn.edu](mailto:icgc@umn.edu)**

**Please direct questions to Karen Brown at 612-624-0255 or [kbt@umn.edu](mailto:kbt@umn.edu)**

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