IRCPL JOINT PROJECTS

The Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life seeks proposals from Columbia University faculty for Joint Projects that aim to understand the role of religion and secularism, both historically and in the contemporary world. Joint Project funding may be applied to research projects, seminars, conferences, working groups, and other programs that bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars.

Joint Projects are an opportunity for Columbia faculty to engage directly with IRCPL and collaborate with the Institute in developing and managing the project. Part of our intention is to facilitate work on the study of religion and public life for colleagues who do not have institutional support (or limited funding options). Please note that Joint Projects are intended as a partnership and not a grant, and that the Institute will not transfer money to external departments.

ELIGIBILITY:

Joint Projects are open to full-time officers of instruction at Columbia University, Barnard College, the Union Theological Seminary, and Teachers College.

Applications must be submitted by a faculty member with the authority to serve as a principal investigator, who will assume primary responsibility for the project at Columbia University.

Strong Joint Projects will include an interdisciplinary group of faculty members. Third parties may be part of the Joint Project team as long as the principal investigator is a faculty member at Columbia University or its affiliates listed above.

GUIDELINES:

IRCPL Joint Projects will fund projects up to $15,000 for travel, materials, and other expenses related to the design/implementation of the project. IRCPL encourages applications that include primary research (e.g. access to archives, travel, research assistants, document translation, data analysis, etc.).

The funds cannot be used for technology purchases, course releases, per diem, or administrative costs (i.e. staff salaries or office supplies). Strong proposals will include funding from other sources and partnerships between multiple faculty members.

Eligible projects could include:

- Field research
- Faculty working groups
- Thematic workshops with students and faculty
- Conferences, seminars, and speaker series

Applicants are encouraged to speak with Walid Hammam (IRCPL Associate Director, wh2326@columbia.edu) about their projects prior to submission.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

Proposals must be sent in English Marianna Pecoraro at mp3699@columbia.edu as a single PDF file including the following documents, in this order:

1. **Cover Page** including the project title, e-mail, telephone number, and affiliation of each principal investigator.
2. **Abstract** (two paragraphs maximum) outlining the Joint Project.
3. **Project Narrative** (five pages maximum) describing the research question, theoretical foundations, existing literature, empirical and methodological facets, and relevance to the mission of the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life.
4. **Curriculum Vitae** of project investigators.
5. **Budget** (one page) detailing the cost allocation of the joint project with amounts specified by category (travel, accommodation, catering, books, etc.). Please indicate if there is funding from other sources. Any major budget alteration must be approved by the IRCPL Associate Director.
6. **Project Timeline** detailing the planning and execution phases of the joint project. This timeline is flexible to the needs of the project and the scholars involved. However, all program activities must be completed within the fiscal year for which they are allocated. In general, Joint Projects are intended to begin the academic year following submission (i.e. project selected during this cycle should start in the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 semester).
7. **Letters of Support** (as appropriate) from partnering faculty, external collaborators, other institutions or investigators, and from external funding sources.

**Application Deadline: Thursday, February 20, 2020.**