

Now Open: CFP for 2021-22 funding.

Apply at cnycorridor.net/forms; proposals due 3/29/2021

Who Can Apply? We welcome proposals by new and existing Working Groups comprised of faculty and academic staff at Syracuse University, Cornell University, the University of Rochester, Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Skidmore College, St. Lawrence University, Union College, Le Moyne College, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

A [Working Group](#) is formed by individuals from Corridor-affiliated institutions in different locales/cities who come together to organize collaborative activities centered on a theme, concern, or issue in the humanities. Groups apply for Corridor funding to support their academic year activities. Many groups are open to new members, but proposals for new working groups are always welcome.

Working Group Activities take many forms, and the possibilities are endless—from a deep dive into a discipline to broad interdisciplinary queries, from convening to form writing groups, develop manuscripts or explore humanities methods, to advancing community engagement and taking up key social issues. Visit our website to see [models of working group activities](#) (including examples of digital collaborations) and also [current Corridor activities](#).

Proposal Categories

- (1) **New Working Group:** Funding for new groups is up to \$1500. Once your group is established, you may submit proposals as a Continuing Working Group in categories 2 and 3, below.
- (2) **Continuing Working Group:** Ongoing groups with activities occurring in more than one Corridor location over time may apply for up to \$5000 per academic year (up to \$2500 per activity).
- (3) **Signature Event:** Established groups may propose a high-impact event (e.g., conference, exhibit, performance) needing more funding (\$10,000 cap, availability varies annually). Signature Events require a public component and substantive involvement from 3 or more Corridor institutions.

Deadlines: We have two annual deadlines (Fall and Spring) to submit proposals.

- ⇒ **March 29, 2021 is the current proposal deadline** for activities during academic year 2021-22.
- ⇒ October 15, 2021 will be the Fall deadline to propose activities for Spring 2022 and academic year 2022-23.

How do I form a Working Group—and how do Working Groups “work”?

- Each group needs **Organizers** who are faculty/academic staff from Corridor institutions. At least one Organizer in every Group must be from Cornell, Syracuse Univ., or Univ. of Rochester. Organizers form groups and coordinate WG activities. You can belong to (or organize) more than one group.
- Each WG **activity** needs an Organizer who is from the “host campus” for that activity.
- All groups and activities involve members from Corridor institutions in **2 or more locales/cities**.
- Each group selects an interdisciplinary [Research Cluster](#): Archives & Media (AM); Digital Humanities (DH); Historical Studies (HS); Humanities Futures (HF); Inequality & Social Difference (ISD); Linguistics, Semiotics, and the Study of Language (LIN); Literature, Language & Culture (LLC); Musicology / Performance Studies (MP); Philosophy/Critical Theory (PCT); Visual Arts & Culture (VAC).

Questions? If you have questions about crafting proposals, creating new Working Groups, selecting Research Clusters, or to learn how your ideas could fit Corridor frameworks, contact the CNY Humanities Corridor Program Manager, Aimee Germain: 315.443.8685; aagermai@syrr.edu.

Content Tips for a Successful Proposal: Details Matter!

- ⇒ Provide a descriptive title for each proposed activity (e.g., *Workshop on Bridgerton Costume Design*), as opposed to something overly generic (e.g., *Fall Lecture*).
- ⇒ Delineate your planned activities in some detail, including a brief description to help the review committee understand your aims. If you have prospective speakers in mind, list their names, fields, and home institutions. If your activity has a specific goal/purpose, identify it.
- ⇒ Be succinct, but provide some context to explain what you're aiming to do: convey your vision and your plans for the requested funding.
- ⇒ Follow our Budget Tips as you develop your ideas and when submitting your proposal.
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Budget Tips for a Successful Proposal in COVID-Uncertain Times

Carefully Select Your Host Campus and Semester

Our funding stems from different Corridor endowments at three partner institutions (SU, CU, UR)—your awards are tied to these endowments via the Host Campus and Semester specified in your proposal.

- ⇒ Changing a host campus means asking for support from *a different pool of funds*: that is not always possible—money cannot “move” between the different endowments.
- ⇒ For *remote-format* activities, you must still identify a “host campus” due to our funding structure.

No COVID-Postponed Carryover Funding into 2021-22

Unlike last year's one-time carry-over of funding, for cancelled or postponed Spring 2020 activities due to COVID, this year's funding cannot carry over into next year. If your group wishes to host canceled activities next year, *you must reapply and submit a new proposal*.

Funding Options

COVID protocols currently prohibit travel, receptions, and group meals. While we hope such restrictions will ease by next academic year, *we strongly encourage you to plan activities with remote-format and in-person options (or, all remote-format)*. Our funding can support your collaborations in many ways:

Honoraria

- ⇒ Scholars, artists, experts, workshop or retreat facilitators, and authors (all from non-Corridor institutions) **can** be paid honoraria with our funds.
- ⇒ Individuals from Corridor institutions **cannot** receive honoraria from our funds.

Campus IT Support

Books or E-Books

Consultant or Vendor Fees

Accessibility Funding*

- ⇒ To support accessibility and inclusive format activities, complete the **Accessibility Funding** section on the proposal form. For online activities, this could include real-time captioning and transcription.

Travel Costs (only once in-person campus activities are allowed again across the Corridor)

- ⇒ **Intra-Corridor Travel Supplement*** reimbursements help convene WG members from across Corridor campuses and help faculty/academic staff/graduate students attend Corridor activities (symposia, workshops, etc.) at other Corridor institutions. [Guidelines](#) are online.

* **Note:** Accessibility Funding and the Intra-Corridor Travel Supplement are both available, *above and beyond amounts proposed/awarded via your Working Group Activity Budget(s)*.