

IMAGING RESEARCH CENTER (IRC)/CAHSS

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship (SFRF) 2018

The Office of the Vice President for Research, the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS) Dean's Office, and the Imaging Research Center (IRC) are pleased to announce an opportunity for tenured and tenure-track faculty members in CAHSS the time and funding to collaborate with the IRC on new research. The Fellowship can be used to advance your current or begin an entirely new project. It can be used to explore new modes and venues of dissemination and publication. The IRC is not a service for creating things already available at UMBC from Creative Services, New Media Studio, Common Vision, or from private companies such as simple websites, videos or apps. The IRC is a research lab developing new digital media technologies and practices to achieve something not currently being done, or which should be improved upon in a significant way.

Expectations of the Fellowship are that it will lead to faculty members enhancing their research, research methods, and/or representing their research in ways and venues currently unavailable to them. Successful applications will describe projects that are promising for seeking significant external funding, and publishing and/or other opportunities to bring visibility to the work, to the IRC, and to UMBC.

Although this is called a Summer Fellowship, work can, and usually will, continue for a total of 18 months, with the possibility of a 6 month, no-cost extension.

Applications can come from a single faculty member, but we also encourage two or more faculty who want to collaborate on a single interdisciplinary project to apply.

We encourage (but do not require) prospective applicants to make an appointment with Anne Sarah Rubin, Associate Director of the IRC, to discuss their proposal ahead of time.

The Award:

This year's award will be \$16,000 total: \$6,000 for a faculty stipend, and \$10,000 to directly support the research project in the IRC in the form of staff support, undergraduate or graduate student support, additional equipment or supplies, travel, and other appropriate expenses.

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2018.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Quality of proposed project, significance in its field, and larger technological implications;
- Feasibility and clear match of proposed research to the IRC's expertise, facilities, budget, and summary timing schedule;
- Likelihood of enhancing chances for publication or new venues for dissemination, or of attracting external support.
- Qualifications of the faculty member to develop the proposal/ research project and carry out the work and oversight.

NOTE: A detailed webpage is now available for background information and how to prepare a proposal for this significant funding opportunity. Please check it before submitting a proposal:

<http://www.irc.umbc.edu/irc-sfrf/>

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL AND APPLICATION PAGE

The proposal must be submitted as a *PDF* file by email to: Anne Sarah Rubin, Associate Director of the Imaging Research Center, arubin@umbc.edu . It should be single-spaced, with one-inch margins, using a 12-point font. A hard copy of this application page, including the faculty member's Department Chair's signature, is also due no later than 5pm, February 15, to Anne Rubin's mailbox in the Imaging Research Center, ITE 101. The proposal must include:

- **TITLE PAGE:** See attached.
- **CONDITIONS OF AWARD SIGNATURE PAGE:** See attached. *This must be signed by the applicant's chair.*
- **SUMMARY** (half page): This should be written in non-technical language. Please keep in mind that all reviewers will not be experts in your field.
- **TEXT** (3 pages): Include a clear and concise statement of: the specific aims and significance of the proposed research; a description of the research methods and what is critical to the research that requires collaboration with IRC facilities and expertise; and a statement of expected results of the research.
- **SIMPLE BUDGET** (1 page): Estimated budget and budget justification (one page). It is strongly recommended to work with the IRC on preparing this budget.
- **FUTURE POTENTIAL** (1 page): Include an objective discussion of: 1) the potential that the full proposal will have for attracting external funding, including potential funding source(s); 2) new venues of dissemination of research; 3) significance of the summer support for the completion of the project and for one's scholarly career.
- **BIBLIOGRAPHY** (1 page): If appropriate
- **CURRENT CV(S)**: Abridged; maximum 5 pages (per collaborator) with focus on research and scholarly accomplishments.
- **LETTER OF SUPPORT:** The applicant's chair should write a brief letter of support. This can be emailed separately.
- **LINKS TO MEDIA MATERIALS** (1 page): If appropriate.

SUMMER FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Due February 15, 2018

Name: _____

Highest Degree:_____ Year Awarded:_____ Academic Title:_____

Department:_____ Date Of Initial Appointment At UMBC:_____

Campus Address, Phone and E-Mail: _____

Names of UMBC Faculty Collaborators (if any): _____

**TITLE OF
PROPOSAL:**_____

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The Applicant affirms that if s/he is awarded an IRC Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, s/he will prepare brief annual reports by April 1 of the two years following the receipt of the award, to the Vice President for Research, Dean of CAHSS, and Director of the IRC giving a short narrative of what was accomplished during the previous year and noting efforts toward publication, exhibition, dissemination, and application(s) for, or awards of, external funding. The Applicant will also assist the IRC in preparing articles and publicity materials about the project. The period of the grant is 18 months from the date of the award with the possibility of a single 6 month no-cost extension.

I have read and accept the conditions under which this fellowship will be awarded:

APPLICANT'S
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please indicate whether you are also submitting a proposal for either of these two 2017-2018 university-wide fellowships:

SRAIS _____

SFF (Summer Faculty Fellowship) _____

or any of the other 2017-2018 CAHSS Summer Faculty Research Fellowships (SFRFs):

CIRCA SFRF _____

Dresher SFRF _____

IRC SFRF _____

MIPAR SFRF _____

List any other funding from SRAIS, SFF, or any of the 4 SFRF in the past five years. If none, write: n/a.

List any other concurrent 2018 summer funding. If none, write: n/a.

DEPT. CHAIR'S

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The Department Chair should submit a paragraph-long recommendation by e-mail to the IRC Associate Director arubin@umbc.edu on behalf of the applicant and the proposal by February 15, 2018. A committee of CAHSS faculty will review applications.