



## RE: 2024/25 UMIA Faculty Research Grants Call for Proposals

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share this year's call for proposals for faculty research grants. UMIA funding programs for faculty are intended to encourage interdisciplinary research on the Americas, including Latin America, the Caribbean, immigrant populations of and in the region, and Miami as a hemispheric hub. Any full-time faculty member may apply, except UMIA faculty research fellows and associates, and faculty who have received funding for 2024-2025 for the same project from other UM or external sources. While our funds are limited, our goal is to support work that advances the wellbeing and quality of life of peoples in and across the Americas, especially research related to the Institute's priorities: Climate Change and Resiliency, Gender, Migration, and Sustainable Health. We believe contributions to these goals may emerge from any part of the university and are especially likely when diverse teams of scholars bring truly inter-disciplinary understandings and skillsets to bear on important questions, activities, or problems. Scholars working in other areas, including cultural, social, or societal phenomena are encouraged to apply. Applications will be ranked by a diverse faculty committee considering standards of excellence that cut across fields. The best proposals will be selected, regardless of the research area.

Please send your application in a single file PDF to [MIA@miami.edu](mailto:MIA@miami.edu) by **Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**, noting the category in which you are applying. Funds must be spent before April 30, 2025. Funds are available immediately after the award. UMIA staff will explain disbursement and documentation requirements, which will follow university guidelines.

Please note, to broadly support faculty working on regional issues, **faculty are eligible to receive funds in one category only** and any researcher who has received a UMIA award **within the last two academic years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) must sit out this competition.**

Required outcomes that must be fulfilled by August 15, 2025 are: 1) an application for external funding to extend or adapt the project and 2) either a submission of a peer-reviewed article or the completion of a symposium or other academic event. All awardees will present the results of their project and/or their work-in-progress at UMIA in the Fall 2025.

The 2024-2025 cycle includes the following programs. However, UMIA reserves the right to award all funds in only one category.

**Individual Grants. Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Seed grants for individual faculty who have not received current year funding for the same project from other UM or external sources are intended to promote initial development of medium- and long-term research initiatives. They may fund pilot data collection and analysis, scouting trips to archives, initial outputs such as a summary article or book prospectus, or other justified aspects of project development. Individuals may request up to \$5000. Please include a description of the project including: objectives, intellectual merit, contributions, research questions and methodology, intended outcomes and possible sources of future funding. A timeline with monthly outcomes, line-item budget and two-page CV should also be included. Previous grantees must list accomplishments based on previous awards. The application excluding the CV, budget, and accomplishments where applicable should not exceed 1500 words.

**Manuscript Workshops. Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

UMIA will host up to two workshops for advanced book-length manuscripts on topics related to Latin America, the Caribbean, or/and hemispheric Miami during the Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 academic semesters. The workshops will bring three senior scholars in the field, two of whom are external to UM, to intensely review, comment upon and discuss the manuscript. Faculty close to promotion will be given special consideration, but any full-time faculty member may apply. Manuscripts that have not already been accepted for publication will receive priority. Manuscripts intended for renowned academic presses are also prioritized. Workshop participants are selected by the UM faculty member and will receive a \$500 stipend in return for a commitment to read and comment on the manuscript. External scholars' travel expenses are paid and a workshop meal for participants will be provided. To apply, please submit your CV and a letter including the following components in approximately 500-750 words: Summarize the project; describe how close you are to completion and provide a timeline; describe your plans for publishing the manuscript; provide names of three participants (two external, one internal to UM) and two external alternates, including their institutions and one sentence about their relevant credentials; indicate the month you wish to hold the workshop considering the manuscript should be mailed to participants approximately one month prior.

We look forward to reading your proposals.