Ford Institute for Human Security
Research Grant Competition

The Ford Institute for Human Security seeks to promote high quality research and writing in the field of human security. To that end, we encourage the submission of proposals to the annual competition for full-time or core non-tenured faculty to apply for up to $2,000 to support research and publication on a human security topic.

Subject matter: We will accept proposals from any discipline, as long as the project directly addresses the essential human security concerns of safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of individuals and their communities. Successful proposals will fit within one of the Ford Institute’s three priority programs:

- preventing and responding to political violence;
- advancing equitable and sustainable economic development; and
- promoting governance based on human rights and the rule of law.

Eligibility: Non-tenured faculty members (in the tenure stream or not), who are in any part of the University of Pittsburgh, may submit a research proposal. The proposal must include the following:

- the topic and its relevance to human security;
- a description of the research project and methods;
- a timeline for the project;
- the expected product(s) of the research effort; and
- a budget showing the specific expenses that the grant would support.

Details on use of funds: The grant is structured to be paid out in installments. Plan your budget and expenses for allocation in two portions:

- Funds in an amount not to exceed $1,000 to be spent by June 6, 2017.
- Funds in an amount not to exceed $1,000 to be spent by June 5, 2018.
All funds awarded by this grant must be spent in compliance with University of Pittsburgh guidelines for internal research grants. Please note the following details. Feel free to inquire about specifics related to your research plan.

- Internal research funds are to be used to enhance the research environment of the University and the Ford Institute for Human Security.
- Support for research assistance by students is permitted when it enhances the research mission of the Ford Institute for Human Security.
- Costs for salaries of faculty and administrative support are not allowable.
- Internal research funds are restricted to use by the named individual faculty member and may not be used by others without the consent of the awardee.
- Internal research funds may not be transferred to any other account.
- Expenses must conform to University of Pittsburgh policies and follow Foreign National rules, where applicable.
- Payout of the award will be primarily reimbursable (i.e. using an expense report), unless internal or contractual means can be used.
- The Ford Institute will answer any questions you have regarding allowable expenses.

**Review Process:** The deadline for electronic submission of proposals to fihs@pitt.edu is May 5, 2017. We will accept only one proposal per person. Proposals will be judged on their academic quality and fit with Ford Institute priorities.

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