

**RE: 2025-26 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 in the College of Arts and Sciences 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. 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 by **Monday, April 7, 2025**, noting the category in which you are applying. Funds must be spent before April 30, 2026. Funds are available immediately after award. UMIA staff will explain disbursement and documentation requirements, which will follow university guidelines.

Please note, in order 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 (2023-2024, 2024-2025) must sit out this competition.**

Required outcomes that must be fulfilled by August 15, 2026, 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 2026. It is expected that UMIA will be acknowledge in all publications resulting from this award.

Should you have any questions during the application process, please send an email to mia@miami.edu.

The 2025-2026 cycle includes the following programs. However, UMIA reserves the right to award all funds in only one category.

Individual Grants. Deadline April 7, 2025.

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 \$4,000. 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.

Inter-Disciplinary Research Groups. Deadline: April 7, 2025.

Funding for faculty to launch interdisciplinary research leading to publications and/or grant applications may apply for up to \$4,000. Groups must have at least three members from two different departments. Priority will be given to projects leading to publication in top-tier journals or publishing houses, which show promise of future external funding, and which are likely to reach important milestones during the grant period. Application is limited to those who have not received current year funding for the same project from other UM or external sources. Please include a description of the project including objectives, intellectual merit, contributions, research questions and methodology, intended publication outcomes and possible sources of future funding. A timeline with monthly outcomes, line-item budget and two-page CVs for group members should also be included. Previous grantees must list accomplishments based on previous awards. The application excluding the CVs, budget and accomplishments if applicable should not exceed 1500 words. The ability to complete the work following the submitted timeline will be considered during judging.

We look forward to reading your proposals.

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