

Kingfisher Institute Mini-Seminar

Call for Proposals: Trust and Institutions

Proposals due: **May 19, 2025**



KINGFISHER INSTITUTE
for the Liberal Arts and Professions

The Kingfisher Institute is accepting proposals to support collaborative, cross-disciplinary research or creative projects that fall under a shared theme. This grant will fund 2-4 projects that each include a team of collaborators (2-5 faculty, students, and/or staff). Each team must represent at least *two or more* distinct disciplines.

New this year: proposals from individuals are encouraged. Individuals whose projects are selected for funding will consult with the Institute to be either assigned to a team or to work in parallel with other individuals on related work.

Theme and Expectations

Projects should fall under the theme, broadly defined, of “*Trust and Institutions.*” This could include any institution with a public purpose: colleges/universities, government bodies, religious institutions, nonprofit sectors, or others. Projects may consider:

- What conditions are necessary for trust between an institution and its constituents?
- What are the implications of compromised trust? For whom?
- How effective have institutional responses to crises of trust been?
- What interventions show promise in restoring trust?

Projects must lead to a presentation, publication, extramural or intramural funding application, or other tangible outcomes. The funding period may involve significant time developing the project plan and building a team, which may mean that other outcomes occur after the funding period. Teams must credit and share these outcomes with the Kingfisher Institute. The Institute will inquire about outcomes for 1-3 years following the funding period.

In addition, a *progress report* must be submitted by December 2025 and a *final report* by December 2026. Teams and individuals funded will also be asked to share lessons learned by presenting at an event (fall 2026) and/or through informal mentoring of a future cohort.

Funding

Funding of up to \$7500 per project is available. This often takes the form of stipends (about \$1000-\$2000 per contributor). Proposals may include requests to use a portion of the funding toward other expenses necessary to carry out the project.

How to Apply

- Submit a narrative (about 350 words) about your research/creative project idea, including:
 - what you hope the project will accomplish
 - who the outcomes will reach
 - how it relates to the theme and the [Institute's mission and/or vision](#)
 - how it will bridge disciplines to create new knowledge
 - project timeline (funding is for the 2026 fiscal year, with limited exceptions)
 - status of or plans for obtaining IRB approval
- Submit a brief bio-sketch (about two paragraphs) for each team member
 - An abridged CV or link to a CV is optional.
 - Collaborators outside of the university may be acceptable if essential to the project. At least two members of the team must be Creighton University faculty, staff or students from different departments or colleges/schools.
- Submit a budget (stipend[s] minus other estimated expenses, including amounts with justifications). All University purchasing and other financial policies apply.

Email these documents (*as a single PDF or Word document*) to kingfisher@creighton.edu by **May 19, 2025**. If you have submitted a project before but did not receive funding, we invite you to revise and resubmit. Decisions will be sent later this summer after University budgets are finalized and before fall semester begins.

For questions, email us or call 402-280-5169. We are happy to discuss your ideas with you.