Guidelines for McFarland Center Research Awards

The McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture will fund up to four grants to support research that advances its scholarly mission. Two of the grants will fund research that advances our understanding of global Catholicism, either in contemporary or historic terms, since this is now a major theme for the Center's work. Two grants will fund research on any ethical or religious theme that fulfills the Center's mission.

Proposals will be submitted through the faculty research portal and reviewed jointly by the Committee on Faculty Fellowship (CFS) and the Director of the McFarland Center, Thomas M. Landy. Recommendations will be submitted to the Provost's Office for final approval.

The McFarland Center continues to welcome proposals for campus lectures and conferences, which are not processed through the CFS. Faculty interested in these events should contact Tom Landy directly.

Deadline
April 29, 2024

Eligibility
All tenure-track and tenured faculty are eligible to apply for a McFarland Center Research Award. Collaborative proposals will also be considered.

Award Amount
Grant requests will be considered in the range $2,500-$6,000.

Application Instructions
All applications must be submitted through the faculty research portal https://apps.holycross.edu/facProgApp/. Please complete the cover page on-line and upload all the required files. Do not exceed the page limits.

(1) Cover page (provide project title/dates and a list of recent leaves and funding sources)
(2) Project statement (no more than three sentences)
(3) Project proposal (maximum 5 pages, double-spaced); the proposal should explicitly address how the research will impact global Catholicism or the mission of the Center.
(4) Budget (provide list of expenses, justification, and timeline)
(5) Curriculum vitae (maximum 4 pages per person); if this is a collaborative grant, the principal investigator should upload a CV for each participant.

Letters of Recommendation
The applicant or principal investigator is responsible for requesting one internal letter of recommendation from a department chair or a colleague with appropriate expertise. The letter should specifically address the merits of the proposal. The letter must be uploaded on the portal by the application deadline.