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United States Embassy Ottawa American Studies Grants Program

Eligibility: The United States Embassy in Ottawa is pleased to announce the American Studies Grants Program for Canadian university audience candidates who are invited to apply: 1) Administrators/Directors of existing American Studies Centres at Canadian universities who want to expand their program's outreach; 2) Canadian university Administrators/Professors who want to create a formal American Studies Centre; and 3) Administrators/Designates who wish to implement a specialist, a minor or a major undergraduate degree program in American studies at their institution.

For purposes of this solicitation, an American Studies Centre is broadly defined as a university's structured interdisciplinary examination of American culture, focusing on the historical evolution of the institutions, values, arts, distributions of social power, etc., of the United States. It is understood that a North American Studies Centre (Canada, Mexico and the U.S.) and other variations also meet this definition. Degree programs are defined but not limited to: a multi-disciplinary minor or major involving at least three departments, a North American Studies Centre (Canada, U.S. and Mexico), a U.S. Studies Centre, a specialist degree and a course union for undergraduates, and honors specialization in American Cultural Studies or in Canadian-American Relations (or variations thereof).

The purpose of American Studies Grants Program is to support activities in Canada that meet one or more of the following purposes for American Studies of the United States:

- To build capacity in the area of U.S. studies and enhance overall understanding of the U.S. by Canadians;
- To study the U.S. and the relationship between America and Canada;
- To foster a broad and diverse offering of instructional and research activities that stimulate scholarly inquiry and develop and awareness of Canadian and American interconnectivity;
- To encourage, sponsor, coordinate and promote examination of issues of importance to peoples of the two nations: tourism, environmental policy, cultural and social and political identity, indigenous peoples, trade and economic policy, religious foundations, the border, security, historical concerns, language issues, Acadian studies, etc.;
- To encourage the articulation of policy alternatives on issues that range over the vast areas of the U.S.-Canada bilateral relationship;
- To promote discussion and analysis of the political, societal, economic, religious, legal, and cultural foundations from which thoughtful policy options develop;
- To educate students with a broad yet deep understanding of the U.S. and to create a critical mass of research expertise regarding issues affecting Canada-U.S. relations;
- To enable professors, graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to become important contributors to U.S.-Canada relations not only by probing possible policy alternatives, but also by supplying valuable human resources to private, public, and nonprofit stakeholders;

- To prepare U.S. studies students for real world productive careers in politics, public policy, law, diplomacy, journalism, etc.;
- To link Canadian scholars with others studying the Canada-U.S. relationship resulting in partnership activities;
- To link Canadian University U.S./American studies programs resulting in partnership activities;
- To build a U.S./American studies program shared by two or more universities that will provide new learning opportunities for students; and/or
- To promote the intellectual coordination of university departments and faculties and to encourage genuine *interdisciplinarity*.

Grant Amounts: \$2,500 to \$10,000 USD based upon available resources. The U.S. Embassy Ottawa will be accepting grant applications on a *rolling basis* until July 31, 2012 or until funds are exhausted. Expenditures of grant funding may take place over a one-to-three year period of time.

Contact Information: Please direct questions about the requirements of the American Studies Grants Program to cultural@state.gov. Please put “American Studies Grants Program” in the subject line.

Grant proposals must:

1. Define the goals of the project;
2. Show how the project meets one or more of the purposes listed earlier;
3. Demonstrate how the project will promote and enhance U.S. studies in Canada;
4. Define what audiences the project will target in Canada;
5. Explain how the project will result in professorial/student development; and
6. Specify how the project will be evaluated by project participants.

Application Process: Applicants are invited to submit a three to four page proposal in English which includes: 1) text summary of the proposed project and outcomes; 2) the proposed budget that includes cost-sharing/in-kind contributions and other partners in the project; 3) the amount of the funding requested from the U.S. government and for what expenditures it will be used; 4) any additional information that will add to the understanding of the project proposal; 5) the name and contact information for the person who has signatory authority to sign the grant if awarded; and 6) the DUNS number of the university*. Following receipt of the proposal, the applicant will be notified that their submission has been received. It is important to include the name and full contact information (phone, email, mobile) of the applicant to clarify questions of the review committee. Following a final review of the proposal, the applicant will be notified if their university’s project meets the requirements of this solicitation.

Please note the following grant guidelines:

- 1) *All applicants for U.S. government funding must have a Dun and Bradstreet accounting number. This free number can be obtained at www.DNB.ca or <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.
2. If the proposal is awarded funding, the primary grant contact person will be required to sign a grant agreement which indicates he or she has read and understands [U.S. Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions for Overseas Awards](#) (includes non-allowable expenses). This document is useful in determining what U.S. government proposal funding can cover.

Project Budget

Please complete a facsimile of the budget format below. All applications should include some cost-sharing by a partner such as donated space for an event (with an estimate rental value of the space for a one-time event). Please describe each budget line item in detail.

Item Description	Amount Requested from American Studies Grant Program (in U.S. dollars)	Amount Cost-shared (in U.S. dollars)
TOTAL:		