



Boston University Arts & Sciences
Center for Innovation in Social Science

2022 Book Manuscript Incubator Small Grants

Program Description: The Center for Innovation in Social Science and the Associate Dean of the Faculty for the Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences invite Boston University faculty to apply for small grants to support book proposal/manuscript “incubator” workshops. These workshops provide faculty an opportunity to receive feedback on their book proposal or manuscript ideas through a day-long or half-day meeting in which key readers gather to provide guidance and suggestions. The Center will award three grants of up to \$1,000 each for a virtual book workshop held by December 31, 2022.

Eligibility: All faculty and full-time lecturers in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and CISS faculty affiliates from any unit are eligible to apply for a small grant.

Funding Guidelines: Funding covers the costs of a day-long or half-day book proposal/manuscript workshop with up to four guest discussants. Funds may be used for discussant honoraria, paying a note-taker, and other reasonable expenses. CISS will offer logistical support, as needed.

Application Process: The application should include:

1. A summary of the book project (no more than three pages), which describes the manuscript goals and potential scholarly contributions. The summary also should describe the status of the project (e.g., book proposal in progress, manuscript under contract).
2. The proposed slate of participants
3. Budget, timeline, and workshop objectives
4. CV

Outcomes: Grantees must provide a one-page report no later than 90 days after the event has concluded. This report should include attendees, outcomes, what worked well, and what could have been done differently (to inform the longer-term program if the pilot proves successful). Grantees also must provide the Center with an update upon the book’s publication.

Review Process: Applications will be reviewed by members of the CISS Steering Committee and the Center Director. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of fit with CISS priorities, the potential impact of the manuscript, and scheduling considerations. Priority is given to tenure-track faculty members, first-time book authors, and CISS affiliates. Applications should be submitted to ciss@bu.edu no later than **April 1, 2022**. Applicants will be notified of outcomes no later than April 15, 2022. Please direct questions to Deborah Carr, Center Director (ciss@bu.edu) or Nazli Kibria, Associate Dean of the Faculty for the Social Sciences (nkibria@bu.edu).