

Justice Studies Mellon Collaborative Research Grants

Program in Justice Studies

The Program in Justice Studies at UNO is pleased to announce our second annual collaborative research grant competition, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's "Collaborative Public Humanities in Action at UNO" initiative. The grants aim to jumpstart student research projects, recognize faculty mentorship, and encourage meaningful community engagement in the practice of "justice research," especially at the crucial moments in which students are developing and launching their dissertation projects.

This year the program will support up to seven collaborative teams, each comprised of a UNO faculty member, a Ph.D. or M.A. student, and one or more community partners. In general, each award will provide the faculty mentor with \$1,000 in additional compensation (plus fringe) or \$1,500 in research funds from the UNO Foundation; an unrestricted \$1,000 stipend for the student; and an unrestricted \$1,000 stipend for the community partner. Proposed deviations from this budget will be considered as long as they foreground community engagement.

Faculty members may apply for more than one microgrant or combine multiple students and community-based collaborators in a larger proposal. Students enrolled in Justice Studies and supervised by Justice Studies affiliated faculty will be given priority consideration, but the competition is also open to other UNO graduate students and their mentors.

To apply, the student should submit to justice@uno.edu a 500-word summary of the proposed research project, its academic and social significance, and the roles and responsibility of all project personnel, including one or more clearly-identified community partner(s). Clearly identify the proposed faculty mentor and attach an email or screenshot from the partner confirming their willingness to collaborate and explaining the broad nature of their participation.

For full consideration, apply by March 31, 2025. Funds will be made available in May, 2025, and should be expended by December 31, 2025. Student award recipients agree to present their research at a public program sponsored by Justice Studies during the 2025-26 academic year.