

Five College 50th Anniversary Special Project Fund

PURPOSE

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Five College Consortium. The consortium was founded in May 1965 as Four Colleges, Incorporated. In September 1966, the consortium welcomed the newly founded Hampshire College, amending its purpose and changing the corporate name to Five Colleges, Incorporated.

“The primary purpose of the corporation is to promote the broad educational and cultural objectives of Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College and the University of Massachusetts by encouraging and fostering closer cooperation and understanding among the faculty, staff and students of the five institutions, and by promoting and developing opportunities for joint lectures, concerts, plays, games and other activities, for sharing the use of the educational and cultural facilities of the five institutions and for a better understanding of the peoples, cultures and institutions of other nations.”

GUIDELINES

Eligibility: Open to any Five College collaborative program or group (including, but not limited to centers, councils, committees, departments, majors, certificate programs, faculty seminars, administrative collaborations, Museums10, Learning in Retirement, and student organizations).

Purpose, Goals of Grants from the Fund:

- For support of an event demonstrating or featuring cross-campus collaboration (academic or administrative) that also highlights to some extent the history of this collaboration.
- Funds can be used towards enhancing a previously planned or regular annual event (for example a student symposium or lecture by a visiting scholar), or a newly conceived event.
- Funds must be used between May 2015 and December 2016 the period of celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Five College Consortium.

Awards: Typical awards will be in the range of \$100-\$500 per program or group.

Requirements:

- Representatives from at least 3 campuses must be involved in planning the event.
- The event must be open to all campus communities and preferably open to the public.

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- The event must incorporate some element (in written or introductory remarks) that would inform participants about a piece of consortial history and/or program milestone(s).
- Use (display) of a 50th anniversary FCI banner, “history boards” and/or other materials produced by Five Colleges for the anniversary (which will be provided by the Five College staff).
- Funds may not be used for items not normally funded by Five College according to its policies (such as honoraria to employees of the campuses in the consortium).

Proposals:

- Submit a one-page description of the proposed event (including dates), cross-campus involvement in event planning and implementation, and how the above requirements would be met.
- Submit a brief budget of proposed expenses for the entire event, indicating sources of funding, which need not include additional funds from the campuses.
- The proposal must be received at Five Colleges at least one month before the event; submit the proposal earlier to receive notification of an award before planning the event.
- Submit by email attachment to: mmuir@fivecolleges.edu with a message Subject line: 50th Anniversary Celebration Project Award application.

Review of Proposals:

Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Those submitting a proposal will receive a prompt acknowledgement followed by feedback within about 10 days.