HUMANITIES RESEARCH INNOVATION FUND

TO: RICE FACULTY ENGAGED IN HUMANITIC RESEARCH
DATE: AUGUST 19, 2013
FROM: FARÈS EL-DAHDAH, DIRECTOR

Deadline: MARCH 14, 2014

What it is
The fund provides seed grants of up to $15,000 for projects that develop innovative paradigms for conducting humanities research or ask new questions within existing paradigms. The Fund aims to support research projects that might lead to larger endeavors, external funding opportunities, or unusually innovative collaborations.

Selection Criteria
Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
• The quality, significance, and potential impact of the project
• The project’s broader contribution to innovative humanities research
• The likelihood that the project will lead to further collaborations and/or outside funding opportunities

Review Process
Proposals will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the HRC faculty advisory panel.

Application Details
Proposals are due to the HRC by March 14, 2014 and must include:
• A project description of no more than 1,000 words that must address how the project is innovative
• A project budget that indicates how the requested funds will be used and itemizes all funds sought or secured from other sources
• Names & contact information of two referees not affiliated with the project; one of these referees must be from an outside institution
• A project timeline

Submit proposals via email to hrc@rice.edu or bring hard copies to 306 Herring Hall. Award announcements will be in early April. Funds will be available to recipients May 15, 2014 through August 30, 2015. Please direct queries to HRC Associate Director Melissa Bailar (melba@rice.edu)