



Call for Proposals
Kirwan Institute Small Grants Program

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity is an interdisciplinary research and policy oriented organization at OSU. The central goal of the Institute is to deepen the understanding of the causes and consequences of and solutions to racial and ethnic hierarchy and disparity with a focus on racially and ethnically marginalized populations. The successful pursuit of this goal has contributed significantly to the University's reputation as a center of research and scholarship on issues related to race, ethnicity, democracy, and social justice. Our ultimate goal is to stimulate and facilitate transformative change to bring about a society that is fair and just for all people.

The Kirwan Institute Small Grants Program offers research grants of up to \$7,500 to OSU faculty, staff, and students. Over the last five years the Small Grants Program has supported research on topics ranging from land restitution in South Africa to health issues that impact African American women to spatial integration and neighborhood diversity in the U.S. Moving forward, we want to refine our focus and concentrate grant support on research proposals that: 1) illuminate and enhance ongoing research at the Institute; 2) give direction to or deepen our understanding of research themes that are emerging at the Institute; and 3) have strong policy implications. To this end, special consideration will be given to research proposals in the following areas:

- Solutions to health and health care disparities that impact populations marginalized by race, ethnicity, and/or geography
- Strategies for effectively promoting and facilitating diversity as a democratic value in the society
- Solutions to structural disparities in K-12 education that impact populations marginalized by race, ethnicity, and/or geography, including strategies for promoting racial integration in schools
- Critiques and demonstrations of the utility of systems thinking as a mode of analysis and a guide to advocacy strategizing and policymaking in the pursuit of racial equity and social justice
- Analyses of the national and global economic recession and attempted recovery that examine how the downturn has created crisis and/or opportunity in such areas as education, health, employment and housing, and/or point to the kinds of institutional and policy reforms needed to ensure a more equitable distribution of benefits and burdens in the future
- Strategies for effectively framing race and social justice in the public discourse
- Solutions to structural disparities that have a disparate impact on African American men

For more information about the Kirwan Institute Small Grants Program, including application procedures, go to <http://www.kirwaninstitute.org/about-us/get-affiliated/small-grants/index.php>. For questions not addressed at this website, please contact Tom Rudd, Senior Researcher at rudd.35@osu.edu or 247-8458.