Research Program
2014 – 2015 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
on the theme of
Global Raciality: Empire, PostColoniality, and DeColoniality

CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND GUIDELINES
DEADLINE: February 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

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Two types of grants will be awarded:

- **Faculty Seed Grants**
  
  Available to UC ladder-rank faculty, these grants will be awarded for up to one year in amounts not to exceed $20,000, to support research projects of exceptional merit in the designated thematic area. Collaborative grants with the potential to generate additional external funding will be favored.

- **Graduate Student Research Grants**
  
  Available to students working toward any graduate degree in UC programs across the disciplines (including the professions), these grants will be awarded for up to one year in amounts not to exceed $10,000, primarily intended to support a year of dissertation research or its equivalent for projects of exceptional merit in the designated thematic area.
Introduction

The University of California Center for New Racial Studies (UCCNRS) is a UC MultiCampus Research Program Initiative. This MRPI supports collaborative research by UC faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and their colleagues at other institutions.

Based at UC Santa Barbara, the CNRS is governed by a Steering Committee of faculty representing all UC campuses. CNRS is funded for five years from the UC Office of the President, with funding set from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. Grants will support research projects on a yearly designated theme in new racial studies.

In the academic year 2014-2015, the theme is Global Raciality: Empire, PostColoniality, and DeColoniality.

What is New Racial Studies?

What is the significance of race in the PostCivil Rights era, the Postcolonial era, the Postapartheid era, the era of Obama? Enormous transformations are occurring in racial dynamics: racial identities and racial attributions are becoming more complex and problematic. Demographic shifts are producing national and regional populations that are more racially heterogeneous and difficult to classify: greater numbers of people of Middle Eastern, African, Asian, and Latin American descent now reside in Europe and North America, and indeed a transition to a US "majority-minority" demographic is now underway in the US. "New social movements" shaped by race continue to exercise influence throughout the world, both in ongoing endeavors to deepen democracy and in contrary efforts to curtail it. Racial domination and repression continue as well.

To research the broader meaning of these contradictions in regard to race and racism is the core mission of the UCCNRS. What are the implications of these transformations for social policy, political processes, and cultural life? How has the complex racial transition of the 20th century (and beyond) affected patterns of social organization and control, legal regulation, employment and residence, and the representation and performance of social identities? What effects will the shifting meaning of race have, in the US and elsewhere, on international relations, global and local inequalities, war and peace, gender dynamics, and movements of capital and labor?

That there is or could be a "New Racial Studies" suggests that a great transformation is underway in the meaning and social structure of race. Politicians, educators, voters, young people, journalists, and many others are all struggling to make sense of a racial system that both changes and remains entrenched.

As scholars, we too are seeking to understand the contradictions and dilemmas that arise from the evolving racial order. Scholarly work is sometimes limited by outdated theoretical frameworks and methodologies, but even where researchers and theorists are working on cutting-edge topics, we are often pursuing our work in isolation. Such themes as the changing demographics of race, the racial state and the law, the racialized body, racial dimensions of North-South (and West-East) global dynamics and the afterlife of empire, whiteness as a racial category, ethnic
cleansing/genocide as racial policy, racial "disaccumulation" and continuing racial inequality, and the reclassification of racial identities, exemplify (but hardly exhaust) the range of creative research being produced across the UC system in this huge area.

Indeed UC is uniquely situated to play an important role in this process, because of the many scholars based here who are already engaged in new racial studies.

As noted the designated theme for the 2014-2015 academic year is Global Raciality: Empire, PostColoniality, and DeColoniality. This is the area in which grants will be available and for which proposals are requested for the February 15, 2014 deadline. Subsequent yearly themes will focus on different topics.

For more information about the UCCNRS, see our Web site at:

Award Eligibility and Criteria

The start date for awards is July 1, 2014. Only UC ladder-rank faculty are eligible to apply as principal investigators for the faculty research grants. Other, suitably qualified, full-time faculty and research staff may apply as Co-PI in association with ladder-rank faculty who may serve as Principal PI. UC graduate/ professional students enrolled in any graduate degree program may apply for the graduate research grants; in the majority of circumstances, graduate research awards are intended to support graduate/professional students for a year of dissertation research or its equivalent. But students seeking Postbachelor's terminal degrees other than Ph.Ds -- such as graduate law degrees, Ed.D, D.PH, and D.S.W degrees are also eligible to apply. Graduate students should apply at the dissertation-stage, or at an equivalent point in their graduate career research. All successful applicants must maintain eligibility during the life of the grant. Grants are not transferable to non-UC institutions. Each applicant may submit no more than one proposal (as a PI, a co-PI, or a faculty collaborator) per annual competition cycle.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scholarly merit and innovative potential
- "Fit to Call" -- connection to 2014-2015 research theme
- Relationship to existing research and theoretical framework
- Research design
- Multi-campus collaboration
- Budget justification and timeline
- Anticipated scholarly products and dissemination plan
2014-2015 Research Theme

GLOBAL RACIALITY: EMPIRE, POSTCOLONIALITY, AND DECOLONIALITY

For the 2014-2015 grant-making cycle, the UCCNRS invites proposals that address the theme of Global Raciality: Empire, PostColoniality, and DeColoniality. This is the fifth annual request for proposals (RFP) issued by the Center.

We are interested in studies of race, racialization, and racist practices comparatively and globally, in the past and present, at the micro- and macro- social scale, and across disciplines. We encourage research that explores racial identity and racialized experience in the global context of Empire, PostColoniality and DeColoniality. We are looking for research on the racialized dimensions of these types of regimes. We are equally interested in proposals for research on resistance against, disidentification with, and subversion of imperial and PostColonial regimes.

By global raciality we mean multiple and differential, intersecting and co-constituting, constructions of race, processes of racialization, and practices of racism in distinct sites across the planet. We welcome proposals for research at any geopolitical or social scale, from single-site studies to comparative ones. We understand that across the globe, race is constructed according to widely variable criteria. To what extent are global systems of rule racially oriented today as they were in the past? How are they different today?

Raciality is produced not in isolation but also in connection with other relations of power such as gender, sexuality, class, caste, queerphobia, religion, indigeneity, ageism, disability, colonialism, neo-colonialism, and global capitalism. Raciality does not exist without racism. In turn, racism -- including its most disavowed components -- is part of the very formation of subjects. We are interested in questions about how racialized identities and experiences are assigned and adopted in the global context. We welcome proposals for research on the varieties of racial rule in this context, and on modalities of resistance to racial rule as well.

Empire has always been a racially inflected term. Race, racialization, and racism are constructed in diverse ways in distinct colonial and neo-colonial formations such as settler, administrative, economic, or deterritorialized colonial regimes. Consider the example of the United States: its influence and intervention is flexible and amorphous, sometimes implicit, at other times quite explicit. There is substantial debate over the nature and extent of its empire itself: do US-sponsored neoliberal capitalism, warfare, occupation, and repression constitute an empire? How are new forms of racialization and racism operating within these US practices, for example in the global economy, in war and "low-intensity conflict," in surveillance, in immigration policies, or in Islamophobia and Orientalism?

PostColoniality, a concept elaborated in work from South Asia and Africa, applies in different ways to different places and also extends across historical time: before and during colonial rule as well as after it. We solicit research that explores and critiques
race and racisms across this wide arc: the racial dynamics of PostColonial regimes, of resistance to them, and of experience under them, are all of interest here.

*DeColoniality* is a concept from Latin American Studies and Chicana Studies that now circulates across the globe. It emphasizes indigenous knowledge and links to subalternity. We are interested in ways that discourses and practices of race, racialization, and racism are challenged from "outside" and "below." How are alternative and dissident forms of knowledge production appropriated and contained by the imperial, multicultural state? How do they undermine it? How are Decoloniality and subalternity racialized?

Discursively, in the global “war on terror” and dominant “security” politics, multiple racialized frameworks are merged and reassembled into familiar binaries: human vs. inhuman, civilized vs. uncivilized, modern vs. anti-western, and fit vs. unfit for global capitalism and neoliberal democracy. We are interested in projects that analyze these racial dynamics across geopolitical and cultural contexts, and from a range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

To summarize: How do new racialized categories and practices emerge in any global context, or across contexts? How do they link to imperialism, coloniality, and other relations of power including superexploitation, misogyny, homonormativity, and homonationalism? In what ways are race, racialization, and racism global projects?

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**Awards Summary**

**Faculty Research Seed Grants**
Grants to faculty fund projects of varying sizes, up to a maximum of $20,000, with preference given to collaborative initiatives. Faculty research seed grants should lead to subsequent research proposals for considerably larger, collaborative, externally funded research grants. Funds may not be used to pay faculty salaries (UC or non-UC), including summer compensation. Graduate student support, up to 50 percent of the total budget, is allowed.

Faculty research grant collaborators may include non-UC investigators as well as UC graduate students. The PI must be a UC-based ladder faculty member. Proposals for projects that are part of larger research programs funded by external sources should specify the programmatic and funding relationship between the proposed research and the project(s) already funded.

**Graduate Research Grants-in-Aid**
Graduate research awards are primarily to support graduate/professional students for a year of dissertation research or its equivalent up to a maximum of $10,000. Funds are intended for direct support of graduate student research; they will cover actual research and travel costs, and cannot be used for payment of stipends or employment as a graduate student researcher (GSR). Funds cannot be used for UC student fees, tuition costs, or living/housing costs.
Both faculty and graduate student grant applicants should expect that UCCNRS will recalculate their proposed budgets, in the interest of making the most resources available to the widest range of funded research proposals.

Research Schedule
Grants are awarded on a fiscal-year basis (July 1-June 30). We expect the proposed work to be completed according to your proposed timeline, and generally not to exceed one year. No-cost extensions of grants may be available in some cases, depending on research exigencies; in such cases written requests must be submitted to the UCCNRS office.

Review Process
All grant proposals will be reviewed by a panel composed of UC ladder-ranked faculty members who are experts in the field. Award decisions will be completed by May 1, 2014, and letters and contracts informing applicants of their award status will be mailed to each applicant shortly thereafter. All applications must include appropriate campus Contracts/Grants Officer contact information; IRB approval or a waiver from the appropriate campus Office for the Protection of Human Subjects is also required. Graduate/professional student grants require the approval of the student's faculty supervisor.

Reporting
All award recipients must submit a brief (600 words) mid-year report to the UCCNRS office by January 31, 2015. A longer, final narrative (2,500 words) on the completed project is due by July 31, 2015. Funds unexpended at the project’s conclusion must be returned to UCCNRS, unless a no-cost extension has been approved in advance by the UCCNRS office. Successful applicants will be expected to share their findings at conferences or colloquia sponsored by the UCCNRS, and will be expected to contribute, upon request, to edited collections or working papers series sponsored by the UCCNRS.

Publications
Written work produced with support from UCCNRS grants must acknowledge support from the University of California Center for New Racial Studies, a MultiCampus Research Program Initiative. Completed work should be submitted, when feasible, for linkage to the UCCNRS website. In addition, written work based on research funded by the UCCNRS will be considered for inclusion in annual UCCNRS research collections, including occasional papers series, journal special issues and edited books.

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Proposal Format and Submission Instructions
All proposals must be submitted using our Web application utility, available at this UCCNRS Web site:
[NOTE: THIS WEBFORM WILL BE DEVELOPED AND TESTED IN ADVANCE OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.]
Notification and UC Campus Approval

Home campus departmental, grants liaison offices, and faculty advisors (for graduate/professional students) must be notified and approve proposal submissions, consistent with standard UC research and grant-making procedures. Successful applicants will not receive funds until IRB approval or waiver is obtained from PI's home campus.

Applying

All proposals must include the following information, formatted and submitted using our Web application. We will not accept applications via e-mail, post, or courier.

A. Cover Page (include all information)

1. Applicant’s Name and Title, Campus, Department and Mailing Address
2. Contact information including E-mail Address, phone, and Web site
3. Project Title, abstract (limit: 250 words), project keyword(s)
4. Amount Requested, Project Duration, and Co-PIs/collaborators
5. Human subjects approval. It is not necessary to obtain approval prior to submitting a grant application, but funds will not be released until institutional approval is secured
6. Departmental Contracts/Grants Officer Name and Contact Information
7. Faculty Advisor (for graduate/professional student grants)

B. Project Narrative (limit: 2,000 words)

The project narrative should address the following points in language accessible to non-specialists. You may discuss these matters in a different order from that outlined here, but headers should be used to format the proposal.

1. Introduction
   a. Research questions(s), Purpose of project, and significance
   b. The relationship of the research to the designated thematic focus for this year’s competition
   c. Hypothesis(es) (if applicable)
   d. Relationship to existing research and theoretical framework
2. Methodology and timeline
3. Role of investigators
4. Anticipated scholarly products and plan for dissemination of results
5. References cited (not included in the 2,000 word limit, but the
References section also has a limit: 750 words).

C. **Budget and Justification**

A detailed, itemized budget and budget justification must be submitted with the proposal adhering to the following categories. Funds may not be used for indirect costs.

1. **Salary/Stipend:**
   
a. *Faculty awards*: Faculty salaries (including summer support) are not an allowable line item expense. Graduate student support is an allowable expense in a faculty grant, but cannot exceed more than 50 percent of the total budget. No GSR may exceed 25% time, since the UCCNRS cannot pay tuition costs. The role of research assistants on faculty grants should be clearly defined.
   
b. *Graduate research awards*: Funds will cover actual research costs, rather than payment of a stipend at graduate student research (GSR) rates. Funds are intended for direct support of graduate student research; they are not intended for UC living expenses, student fees, or tuition. Graduate student applicants are encouraged to take leave of absence status during extended field trips where permitted by campus regulations.

2. **Research Travel**: should include destination, purpose, number of trips, economy class airfare, daily food and lodging expenses, and number of days covered. Trips to conferences should be justified as research, not presentation, expenses.

3. **Research Supplies**: may include acquisition of data (specify type of data) and project-specific expendable supplies. Equipment for research (cameras, IT equipment) is generally not funded.

4. **List current and pending support related to this project. If new funds are being requested for an ongoing project, provide justification for the added contribution that would be supplied by UCCNRS funding. Pending applications for outside funding will not influence UCCNRS decisions to fund a proposal.**

D. **Curriculum Vitae**

Vitae for all named investigators, collaborators, and graduate students should be submitted, listing relevant activities and publications for the past five years only. *Vitae should not exceed two pages in length.*

E. **Faculty Research Seed Grants — Statement on Future External Funding Strategy**
Proposals for faculty research seed grants must include a brief statement (limit: 350 words) on strategies for continuing and deepening research in the proposed area. This statement should discuss potential future funding sources and rationales for further development of the research project beyond the "seed" stage.

F. Graduate Research Grants — Two Letters of Recommendation

Proposals for the graduate research award must include two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the student's committee chair or academic supervisor. The other letter should be from a faculty member familiar with the candidate's research. The chair's letter should evaluate the soundness and originality of the project, the work and potential of the graduate student applicant, and the anticipated timetable for the completion of the student applicant’s degree. Providers of recommendation letters will be prompted by the UCCNRS online proposal submission system to submit their letters directly to us, based on contact information provided by the applicant. The deadline for these letters is 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2014.

G. Appendices

These may include questionnaires, descriptions of technical procedures, or letters of endorsement from co-investigators/collaborators.

H. Deadline

Proposals must be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2014.

Submit via the following link: