The Kule Institute for Advanced Study (KIAS) is a major endowed research institute based at the University of Alberta. KIAS supports interdisciplinary and collaborative research in the social sciences, humanities and fine arts, focusing on research with the potential for national or international recognition.

- Jointly owned by the Faculty of Arts and the Provost
- Our target audience covers all 12 SSHRC faculties not just Arts
- Our programming includes research funding and in-person and digital networking initiatives
- We are members of international networks such as the Consortium for Humanities Centres and Institutes (CHCI), the Western Humanities Alliance, and centerNet

Networking Initiatives

How can we help researchers working on similar topics connect with each other?

Kule Connect Cafes: informal networking event series open to all faculty, post-docs and grad students to connect and discover mutual research interests. To propose a theme, email <kias@ualberta.ca> or drop by our office (themes should be broad enough, e.g. energy and climate change, migration and refugees, medical humanities, indigenous languages etc.).

Research Map: digital social network visualization based on available data about UAlberta researchers to help identify people working in similar areas.

Funding principles

Eligibility: full-time UAlberta faculty members + those eligible to hold research funding as per UAPPOL policy

Projects need to be:

- Interdisciplinary (crossing department boundaries)
- Team-based (not lone researchers)
- Seed projects (aiming to develop longer term research agenda and external grant applications e.g. SSHRC)

Expenditures:

- Normally SSHRC eligible
- Exceptions:
  - no publication subventions, no external (outbound) travel except for Cluster grants
  + we're more flexible with Elder honoraria

Please note these are guiding principles—check in with us if you anticipate unusual / non-SSHRC eligible expenses!

KIAS Grant Programme

- **Kule Dialogue Grants**
  ($2,000; applications on a rolling basis)
- **Kule Research Team Grants**
  ($7,500; applications on a rolling basis)
- **Kule Research Cluster Grants**
  (up to $100K; annual call for applications in the fall)
- **Special Team Grants**
  (CRAfT Digital Research Archive Grants; Alberta-Saskatchewan Collaboration Grant, KIAS-CIH Alberta Humanities Grant)

Designed to ladder researchers up, but it is not a requirement to hold a smaller grant before applying for larger ones.

Kule Dialogue Grants

Amount: $2,000

Purpose: support research meetings, networking, outreach, and conferences to help researchers organize, present, or disseminate research.

Typical use: guest lectures, conferences, workshops held at UAlberta

How to apply: send an email to <kias@ualberta.ca> with your request and a short description of the project/activity (max. 1-2 page). Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Adjudication: quick decision, typically in a matter of days by KIAS Director and me.

Kule Research Team Grants

Amount: $7,500

Purpose: support the formation of interdisciplinary research teams that have the potential to achieve national or international research recognition. We normally expect at least 3-4 professors from UAlberta to be involved, and must be seed projects with plans to build longer term agenda.

Typical use: series of workshops to develop research agenda, pilot study, graduate research assistant support.

How to apply: 2 stages: send an email to <kias@ualberta.ca> with a 2-3 page Letter of Intent describing your project. LOIs approved in principle will be provided feedback and invited to submit formal proposal that will require RSO sign-off (normally the original LOI, but revised if necessary). LOIs accepted on a rolling basis.

Adjudication: 4-member Research Committee reviews LOIs once a month.

Kule Research Cluster Grants

Amount: up tp $100,000 over 3 years

Purpose: support sustained activities of an interdisciplinary research team in the social sciences, humanities and fine arts that have the potential to be recognized as excellent at the national or international level. We normally expect at least 4 professors from UAlberta to be involved, and must work towards external funding at the end of project. Demonstrate strategic fit for UAlberta.

Typical use: flexible, check our website for a sample of past successful projects.

How to apply: 2 stages: send 5-page Letter of Intent to <kias@ualberta.ca> in response to annual call for LOIs (current deadline: November 1st, 2017). If your project is shortlisted by the Research Committee, you will be invited to develop a 20-page full proposal that will require RSO sign-off.

Adjudication: proposals are adjudicated by the Research Committee and approved by the Administrative Board.

Special Team Grants

Amount: $5,000-$10,000

Examples:

- CRAfT Digital Research Archive Grants (to build small digital repositories)
- Alberta-Saskatchewan Research Collaboration Grant (to build research teams spanning UAlberta and USask)
  - Open to all SSHRC faculties
- KIAS-CIH Alberta Humanities Grant (to build research teams spanning UAlberta and UCalgary)
  - Limited to humanities and humanistic social sciences (ie. not quantitative research, not public policy studies)

How to apply: annual call for applications. Check our website and social media for details!

Questions, ideas?

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