ASU® Center for the Study of Guns in Society

Arizona State University

CSGS Seed Grant Frequently Asked Questions
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Q: Who is eligible?

A: Seed grants are intended for faculty working in social science, humanities or adjacent units; social science/humanities faculty in non-social science/humanities units; or teams that include at least one faculty working in social sciences and/or humanities. Faculty deploying a social science methodology are also encouraged to apply. While all applications must be led by an ASU faculty designated as the PI, we accept and encourage collaborative teams within ASU and across Arizona universities.

Q: What are the review criteria for this application?

A: Each application will be evaluated according to (1) its potential for intellectual advancement; (2) its innovative approach to the study of guns; (3) its methodological approach, including rigor and suitability; and (4) project feasibility, including potential for external grants.

Q: What counts as gun studies?

A: We define gun studies broadly at CSGS. If you think it is gun studies–it probably is! We include, for example, the culture and politics of armed self-defense; gun violence and gun trauma; guns, identity, and inequality; gun markets, the gun industry, and gun trade; social movement mobilization surrounding gun rights and/or gun control; comparative/transnational approaches to guns in society, including the relationship between migration and guns; the intersection of guns, conservation, and environmental justice; and related topics. Many topics end up intersecting with guns in society in one way or another; we encourage you to highlight these intersections, especially as they push gun studies to new areas of research. If you have further questions about what counts as gun studies, please email *CSGS@asu.edu*.

Q: What are you looking for in regards to deliverables?

A: You should outline the key milestones and tangible goals that you are planning to meet. We prioritize applications with clear plans and strong prospects for external funding, but your deliverables may also include outcomes such as events or publications.

Q: What are the key deadlines?

A: The application portal opens on November 15th, 2024 and closes on February 3, 2025. Decisions are anticipated by early April 2025.

Q: Where should I list my collaborators in my application?

A: You can include your collaborators and their relationship to the project in the project description.

Q: How detailed should my plans for external funding be?

A: As the goal of the seed funds is to produce a fundable external grant, you should have specific program(s) identified and explain how you will develop a competitive external grant application given the requirements of the program(s) and their anticipated deadlines. For example, if you are planning to apply for a grant that requires evidence of pilot data, explain how the seed grant will allow you to meet this criterion.

Q: How should I coordinate my timeline for the seed grant with the timeline for the external grant I am applying for?

A: As a condition of funding, we ask that you apply for external grants within a year of the end of your seed funding. Please consider what you need to develop the strongest external grant proposal as you develop your timeline.

Q: Do I need to figure the 8.5% ASC fee into my budget outline and include it in the total amount requested?

A: Yes, we will only fund what is in your budget, we do not add ASC to the amount requested. See our Submission Guidelines for more details.

Q: Can I use the seed grant to cover summer salary or a course buy out?

A: The seed grant cannot be used for summer salary. The funds can be used for a course buy-out with dean or departmental letter indicating approval.

Q: Can a seed grant be used for conference travel?

A: Conference travel will be supported if there is a clear connection to your plan for external funding.