

Call for Proposals Thematic Clusters in Science and Technology Studies 2021-2023

The Robert F. and Jean E. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies invites proposals to create a thematic cluster to advance research, teaching, and outreach on interdisciplinary topics within science and technology studies, conceived broadly. Thematic clusters usually receive two years of funding of up to \$15,000/year. The Center will select one research cluster this spring to be funded in AYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Proposals are welcome from any faculty and staff doing STS-related work on campus. We recommend discussing proposals with the Holtz Center's Director, Noah Weeth Feinstein, nfeinstein@wisc.edu before submission. Lead faculty and staff should be willing to join the Holtz Center if not already affiliated.

The grant can be used to fund any activities that fall under the purview of the Holtz Center. We welcome proposals that will build community and strengthen intellectual connections across campus in a sustainable way, especially by integrating teaching, research, and outreach. To those ends, the grant can be used to fund faculty workshops or conferences, engage undergraduate and graduate students, provide support for creating new or revised courses, organize outreach activities, and pay for outside speakers.

The applications are **due at 6 pm on Friday, April 16, 2021**. The following materials are required: a one-page cover letter summarizing the proposal and listing key personnel; a five-page, double-spaced project description; a one-page budget; and 2-page c.v. for each of the key personnel.

Successful proposals will be evaluated in part by their ability to promote the following goals:

1. Forge *new intellectual directions* and thematic research within STS
2. Enhance and expand *participation in the STS community* at UW-Madison
3. Build *new connections* across disciplines at UW-Madison
4. Involve *STEM undergraduate students* in the project

More information about the Holtz Center and science and technologies studies can be found at our website: sts.wisc.edu. Please contact the director if you have any queries about the research cluster funds, the proposal process, or the Holtz Center more generally.