

## Spring 2018 Call for Proposals: UCLA Graduate Student Working Groups

The Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin advances radical democracy in an unequal world through research, critical thought, and alliances with social movements and racial justice activism. The Institute continues to support student projects that explore one or more of our research themes:

- Housing Justice in Unequal Cities
- Debt and Financial Disobedience
- Policing and Incarceration

For this award cycle, we again invite students to look at our call to [expand the mission of the Institute](#). These “frontlines” suggest additional themes (e.g. sanctuary cities, voter suppression), which may also be taken up in applications.

**Criteria:** Students may apply for support in one of the following ways:

1. Graduate student working groups to undertake a year-long plan of collective work related to one of the research themes and which demonstrates an explicit public orientation. Given the scope and purpose of the Institute, we are especially interested in projects that organize knowledge to challenge inequality, be it by questioning established academic wisdom, or contributing to public debate, or having an impact on a policy decision. **Eligibility:** Each team must be comprised of at least three graduate students drawn from at least two different UCLA departments. Maximum Award: \$1000.
2. Registered student groups to develop events or formats of public scholarship that allow distribution and dissemination of work to relevant audiences. We welcome a variety of formats, including the development of curriculum and pedagogy, artistic performance, creative writing, opinion pieces, and social science peer-reviewed publication. **Eligibility:** Registered graduate student groups, with preference given to Luskin School of Public Affairs groups. Please

note that Luskin graduate students must attend a Luskin events training.  
Maximum Award: \$1000.

**Format of Application:** Each application must include the following:

- a) Title of project/working group *or* Name of registered student group.
- b) A short proposal (not to exceed 1,000 words) explaining the focus of the working or student group and its relation to one or more of the listed research themes. The proposal must explain how the application meets the selection criteria.
- c) About your group:
  - Working Group applications: *short* bios for each of the graduate students and a brief description of each student's role in the working group. Please indicate key contact person(s).
  - Student Group applications: your group's mission; group structure, including advisor name and where funds would be housed (department, umbrella group, etc.). Please indicate key contact(s) for correspondence.
- d) Projects that involve work with a community partner or social movement must include a letter of support as part of the application.
- e) *If applicable*, include name of faculty supervising work and name of relevant course.
- f) A realistic 1-year plan of work.
- g) Itemized budget proposal and justification not to exceed \$1000. Budgets might include items such as speaker fees, coordination of publications or curriculum, transportation to community events, etc. Note that hardware purchases of over \$250 are not permitted. Please identify sources (confirmed and proposed) of additional funding.

**Application deadline:** Friday, June 1, 2018, 5 p.m.; funding decisions will be announced by June 15, 2018; funds will be available for use starting July 1, 2018 and must be expended by June 30, 2019.

**How to submit applications:** Applications must be submitted as a single PDF portfolio to the following email address: [challengeineq@luskin.ucla.edu](mailto:challengeineq@luskin.ucla.edu)

**Awards:** Successful proposals may be funded in full or in part at the discretion of the review committee. The review committee will be made up of UCLA faculty and members of the Institute's community and social movement partners. Funding will be for 1 year with the possibility of renewal through a new proposal competition next year.

Projects that are selected must acknowledge the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin in all programs, public information materials, and publications resulting from the award.

To learn about the Institute, its mission, scope and purpose, please visit our website:  
<https://challengeinequality.luskin.ucla.edu/>