SO WHAT IS A CLUSTER PROJECT ANYWAY?

Many faculty/staff have expressed confusion over what constitutes a cluster project. Your cluster guides have compiled a glossary of definitions to help us use common language to discuss cluster-related work. It can be found at: https://www.plymouth.edu/clusters/resources.

A cluster project is a well-defined activity or group of activities with clear objectives and measurable high impact outcomes. Funding for cluster-related projects and activities is available through your integrated cluster in a competitive proposal process. Just submit a project proposal form (found at https://www.plymouth.edu/clusters/forms/) and it will be sent to your guides for review.

Q: What kinds of things can a proposal request funding for?
A: Proposal can request funding for events, equipment, faculty release time to work on cluster projects, and more! Talk to you guides if you have any questions about whether something is eligible for funding.

Q: What about cluster-related activities that do not require funding?
A: Many cluster-related activities relating to teaching, service, and scholarship may not require funding. We still want to know about it! Contact your guides to share information and make connections.

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

Wednesday September 28th – J&S Cluster Meeting @ 3:30 in HUB 109 (all cluster faculty/staff welcome)

Friday September 30th – Proposal Deadline (submission deadline for all proposals to be considered in October)

Friday October 14th – Decision Notification of Tier 1 funding proposals (cluster guides will notify principal investigators/project leaders of Tier 1 proposals of the outcome of their funding request)

Wednesday October 26th – J&S Cluster Meeting @ 3:30 (all cluster faculty/staff welcome)

Monday October 31st – Proposal Deadline (submission deadline for all proposals to be considered in November)
“I need a watchman to tell me this is what a man says but this is what he means, to draw a line down the middle and say here is this justice and there is that justice and make me understand the difference.”

— Harper Lee, Go Set a Watchman

WHAT’S NEW IN J&S?

COMING DOWN THE LINE...

Justice in a Diverse World: A Brownbag Series

This fall, Panthers for Peace will be hosting a series of brownbag lunches with guest speakers on the theme of Justice in a Diverse World. The series will cover topics relating to disproportionate minority contact, policing in diverse neighborhoods, sentencing and punishment, and the death penalty. Contact Stephanie Halter (CJ) and Danielle Lacorazza (CJ) for additional information.

CSI: Investigation and Forensics in Criminal Justice

CJ 3000: Criminal Investigation and CJ 3010 & 3030: Forensic Science (w/ Lab) will be teaming up in the Spring to produce a crime scene for our students to investigate and analyze. The two classes will work together to process the crime scene, study the evidence, and solve the crime. Contact Chris Warn (CJ) and Anil Waghe (CH) for details.

Title IX Climate Assessment

The CJ program’s Research Methods class will be teaming up with PSU’s Title IX office to conduct an annual climate survey. Starting in the Spring, students in CJ 4400: Research Methods will design survey questions to be distributed to Plymouth State University students, faculty, and staff. Data collection and analysis will start Fall 2017. For more information, contact Stephanie Halter (CJ), Laura Dykstra (CJ), or Janette Wiggett (Title IX).