Nanovic Symposium Grant

Purpose: A Nanovic Symposium Grant provides major support for the staging of a Nanovic-sponsored or co-sponsored interdisciplinary symposium focused on issues of importance to contemporary Europe. Symposia may take place in European locations or at Notre Dame’s campus in South Bend.

Deadline(s): None. Applications will be accepted at any time during the academic year until the total funds are allocated. Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants more than twelve months before the date proposed for the symposium.

Maximum Award: $20,000. Amounts will vary based on proposed size and location.

Number of Awards: Approximately two symposia will be funded each academic year, preferably one in Europe and one at Notre Dame’s campus in South Bend.

Eligibility: Applicants must be full-time faculty members of the University of Notre. Symposia must be interdisciplinary and focus on issues of importance to contemporary Europe. “Focus” means that a symposium’s keynote addresses or a significant number of its papers or presentations include contemporaneity as a subject of discussion. Preference will also be given to proposals that most clearly articulate this contemporaneity or that evolve out of Nanovic collaborative projects or discussion groups. Preference will also be given to proposals that involve graduate or undergraduate students, and all proposals must address the feasibility of such involvement.

Application Guidelines: All parts of the application should be typewritten or computer-printed.

A complete application must include the following:

• The applicant’s current contact information (including a mailing address).
• A cover letter describing the conference’s location, topic, interdisciplinary aspects, connection to contemporary Europe, any publication to result from the conference, and the desired audience.
• A list of proposed participants, their institutional affiliations, and proposed topics.
• A budget in U.S. dollars that includes itemized expenses (best estimates), the total amount requested, and any other sought or obtained sources of funding. Faculty are encouraged to consult with Harriet Baldwin prior to submitting the Nanovic Symposium Grant application for assistance with budgeting and reservations of facilities.
• The applicant’s current curriculum vitae.

Complete applications may be submitted by email to the assistant director at nanovic@nd.edu, or delivered in person or mailed to Nanovic Symposium Grants, c/o The Nanovic Institute for European Studies, 211 Brownson Hall, Notre Dame IN 46556.

Complete applications will be considered by the director and assistant director, and decisions will be announced in writing within three weeks of submission. Please note that application materials will not be returned.
Requirements of the Grant: The Nanovic Institute requests recognition as the primary sponsor or co-sponsor of the symposium on all publicity materials, and requests a copy of any posters or other event-related materials to display in our lobby. After the symposium, grant recipients must provide the Nanovic Institute with a brief letter about the event that includes the approximate event attendance and, if feasible, at least one digital photograph related to the event. Reports and photographs must be emailed to the Nanovic Institute within a reasonable time after the completion of the project. Unless permission is expressly denied, the Nanovic Institute may share quotes from the letter and any photographs with its supporters.

Terms & Conditions: Once awarded, the funding must be used to for the symposium as proposed in the application (to the best of the recipient's ability).

Combined funding from this grant and other sources may not exceed the symposium's total budget, and recipients must promptly inform the Nanovic Institute of additional funding received at any point from application submission through completion of the initiative. Recipients must return any transferred, unspent funds if the symposium is cancelled. Any excess funds should also be returned to the Institute.

Questions? For further information about Nanovic Symposium Grants, please contact the Research Development Coordinator at the Nanovic Institute by emailing mcaro@nd.edu.