Application Review Questions

Applicants are advised to bear in mind the following questions, which reviewers are likely to ask when considering a project for funding:

- How outstanding is the overall intellectual quality of the proposal? Are the questions and their importance clear?

- Is the project at a stage where this grant would make a significant different toward its advancement?

- Is the applicant at a critical career stage, and would this grant significantly enhance the applicant’s advancement potential?

- Are all the elements of the proposed budget directly relevant to the outcome and success of the project?

- Are the methods and questions of the proposed work clearly humanistic in nature?

- Is other funding available for this work, and has the applicant sought it?

- Does the applicant have other resources (e.g. startup/retention funds) that could be used toward this work?

- If special equipment is requested, what will happen to it after the project is completed?

- If travel is proposed, is the length of stay required and appropriate? Have archival sources been researched for availability of relevant materials and access?

- If collaboration is involved, is there documentation of the collaborators and a clear indication of their roles?

- If subjects are to be interviewed or other institutions are involved, has contact been made and permission granted?

- How will the work be disseminated, especially if not by publication?