Application Review Questions

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

HRF Specific Questions:

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

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

3. How recent was the applicant’s last funded leave, and how many sabbatical credits does the applicant bring?

4. Is the applicant at a critical career stage, and would this award significantly enhance the applicant’s advancement potential?

5. Is the project at a stage where this grant would make a significant difference toward its advancement?

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

MPG Specific Questions:

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

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

3. Are all the elements of the proposed budget directly relevant to the outcome and success of the project? Is the budget detailed and reasonable?

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

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

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

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

8. If special equipment will be purchased, what will happen to it after the project is completed?

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