



## Obermann Center Humanities Symposium – Application Instructions

Proposals should be written so that they instruct and engage reviewers outside of the applicant's field.

Proposals will be judged by the following criteria:

- importance of the topic and the likelihood that the symposium will advance scholarship on the proposed topic
- participation of some UI humanities scholars as speakers and planners
- effectiveness of the design of the symposium in generating a vigorous exchange of ideas
- likelihood that the symposium will lead to a publication
- qualifications and record of relevant scholarship of the symposium director
- if applicable, the published or creative results of any previous Obermann-sponsored project the applicant has directed.

### Here is how to apply:

-- Complete the online cover sheet asking for contact information by going to:

<<http://www.uiowa.edu/obermann/grants/humsym>>.

-- Upload the proposal, which should contain the following:

1. A narrative (3-5 pages single-spaced) that:
  - describes the significance of the topic to humanities scholars, and explains how the proposed symposium will advance scholarship on the proposed topic, and identifies humanities questions to be asked and issues to be raised
  - details the tentative schedule, specifying possible session topics and possible UI and visiting scholars, speakers, and discussants, listing a few of their relevant publications
  - indicates publication possibilities and other potential results of the symposium
2. Applicants who previously received an Obermann Center grant should attach a sheet indicating the title and year of that grant and give full citations for resulting publications or external grants.
3. A budget, requesting up to \$15,000, which itemizes estimated costs. Allowable costs include: honoraria, travel, lodging and meals, printing and advertising, telephone and postage, duplication of conference materials, rentals, reception, student assistants, and conference center fees. Indicate other confirmed or potential sources of UI or external support for the symposium.
4. The curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages) of the symposium director(s), especially including publications relevant to the topic of the proposed symposium.

-- Applicants should have their DEOs and Deans email their endorsements of the proposal to [neda-barrett@uiowa.edu](mailto:neda-barrett@uiowa.edu)

Please apply by November 5, 2008. You will find the online application form at <http://www.uiowa.edu/obermann/grants/humsym/>>. For further questions, please email Neda Barrett at [neda-barrett@uiowa.edu](mailto:neda-barrett@uiowa.edu) or call 319-335-4034.