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To: Faculty in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Divinity School

From: John W. Boyer, Chair

Re: Proposals for Graduate Research Workshops (2009-2010)

The Council on Advanced Studies expects to have funds available to support the activities of graduate research workshops in the humanities and the social sciences next year. We therefore invite interested faculty members to submit proposals requesting such support no later than **April 20, 2009**.

We define a workshop as consisting of a group of faculty members and advanced graduate students meeting regularly to explore fundamental themes or problems suggested by their common research interests, in ways that are likely to enhance understanding of these issues, to clarify their significance in relation to the relevant disciplines, and to provide a context and opportunity for advanced graduate students to present their own research in progress. Workshops might therefore be organized on a disciplinary, subdisciplinary, or cross-disciplinary basis, as seems most appropriate to the participants.

Funds may be requested to support the ongoing activities of a workshop (photocopying of papers and other materials for workshop discussion), occasional visits by outside speakers whose work is of particular relevance to the theme of the workshop, and other organizational assistance as appropriate.

The Council also wishes to encourage collaborative activities between and among Workshops, especially those that might advance the scholarly research opportunities and resources available to our advanced graduate students. We would therefore appreciate information on possible plans for such collaborations during the coming academic year.

The Council has designed a set of guidelines that will assist you in making as full and complete an application as possible. The guidelines are available and may be printed from the Council's Web site (<http://cas.uchicago.edu>). We would be grateful to receive proposals describing the research theme and the projected activities of the workshop, together with a detailed budget outlining estimated expenses involving travel, photocopying, honoraria, and other organizational activities. Please be sure to identify the two principal faculty participants and include a list of the graduate students who will participate. We would also appreciate information on the research interests and anticipated presentations of graduate-student participants. Please limit proposals to no more than 6-7 pages, and submit the **original and one copy** to the Council's office, **Judd 443**, by **April 20, 2009**. The Council will acknowledge all application submissions.

It is very important that you explain the role that advanced graduate students will play in the organization and operation of the workshop, and that you discuss the possible presentations your students will make of dissertation-level work-in-progress.

Should you have any questions about the preparation or submission of applications for support, do not hesitate to contact Julianne Gorny (2-9222 or cas@uchicago.edu), the Administrative Director of the Council, or me (2-8576).

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