

## **Call for Applications: Advanced Symposia/Workshops**

The Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute is pleased to announce a call for applications for **Advanced Symposia/Workshops** for the **2026–27 academic year**.

The goal of this program is to promote communication and interaction among scholars at SMU and around the world who are at a critical stage of research on a shared topic of interdisciplinary interest and impact. The topic of the event must be cutting edge and of interest to a group of faculty at SMU who wish to interact with leaders at the forefront of relevant fields, and the event should generate clear research-related outcomes or next steps. Successful proposals are funded with substantial lead-time, giving the organizer(s) time to plan and to identify major participants well in advance of the date of the event.

The DCII will consider proposals to workshop an edited book project that joins one or more faculty members at SMU with external scholars. Equally, the DCII will consider proposals from faculty members who wish to bring to campus a group of critics or consultants to contribute to finalizing the development of a research project or to do data analysis associated with an ongoing research project, so long as the project lends itself to interdisciplinary perspectives or the outside participants enhance the interdisciplinary impacts of the project. Proposals will also be considered for other types of symposia/workshops so long as they meet the criteria of interdisciplinarity, innovation, appeal to multiple SMU faculty, the fostering of reciprocal engagement between notable outside participants and the SMU community, and the production or advancement of concrete research-related outcomes. Non-Dedman College faculty are expected to identify Dedman College faculty as prospective participants in their proposals.

**Award Amount:** Up to \$12,000

**Submission Deadline:** Friday, November 14, 2025

### **Proposal Submission Guidelines**

Proposals (3–5 pages, single spaced with 11- or 12-point font) should **explicitly** address each of the following items:

1. The topic of the symposium or workshop and the key questions to be addressed, with attention to their cutting-edge nature
2. Its interdisciplinary dimensions and impact across fields of scholarly inquiry
3. A tentative list of participants and what they would be contributing, with attention to the prominence/distinction of outside participants
4. The faculty members and students on campus whom it might impact (with particular attention to prospective Dedman College faculty participants), and where relevant, its potential to attract the broader Dallas-area community
5. The activities that will take place on campus

6. The expected research-related outcomes or results (publication, policy paper, research grant, etc.)
7. An itemized budget

Proposals should be submitted via the following link:

<https://www.smu.edu/Dedman/Research/Institutes-and-Centers/DCII/Research/Advanced-Symposia/Advanced-Symposium-Application>

Questions about the program or the application process should be addressed to Dr. Karisa Cloward, Ruth Collins Altshuler Director of the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, at [kcloward@smu.edu](mailto:kcloward@smu.edu).