To: Interested faculty in the Humanities and related fields

From: James Chandler, Director, Center for Disciplinary Innovation

Re: Annual Call for CDI Seminar Proposals

Thanks to the generous commitment of Dean Anne Robertson, the Center for Disciplinary Innovation (CDI) again invites proposals for courses from University of Chicago faculty for the 2019-20 academic year. The CDI offers up to five team-taught courses each year at the graduate level with participating faculty from different disciplines. Each faculty member teaching in the CDI receives full credit for team-teaching. Additionally, each team receives a $1,500 stipend for course-related purposes. For a comprehensive roster of our CDI course offerings and for background information on our consortium for disciplinary innovation with Berkeley, Cambridge, and Columbia, please see: http://franke.uchicago.edu/cdi.html.

Faculty proposals should include a description of the seminar and its goals, along with a provisional syllabus. Please indicate the quarter(s) in which the seminar you would like the seminar to be offered; flexibility as to the quarter may help the success of an application. Faculty proposing a course will need to present a rationale for the course framed not only in respect to its substantive issues, but also in respect to the disciplinary contexts. It is helpful to send us a provisional seminar syllabus ahead of the deadline.

We are soliciting proposals only for collaborations within the University. Faculty members can team up from different divisions, but one faculty member from each proposed team must have affiliation with the Humanities Division.

Proposals must be received no later than Friday, November 16. Please make the proposal cover sheet the first page of the proposal. Please note that department chair signatures are required. Please email proposals as one MS Word document to Mai Vukcevich, Assistant Director to the CDI, at mav@uchicago.edu.

The Franke Institute Governing Board will select the CDI courses on the basis of breadth, originality, and intellectual promise. Next year’s roster of courses will be announced at the end of the Autumn 2018 quarter.
CDI Proposal Cover Sheet

I. Faculty Partnership (two co-instructors) (Please attach short CV’s: 5 pages or less)

Name, Department
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II a. Provisional Course Title

II b. Provisional quarter in which course will be taught
(Please indicate order of preferred quarter (1, 2, and 3))

____ Autumn 2019  ____ Winter 2020  ____ Spring 2020

II c. Departmental sign-off (Department Chair signatures required)

Department Chair: ____________________________________________
Department Chair’s signature: ___________________________________

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III. Course Proposal (1-2 pages)