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Proposals, which should not exceed 1000 words, should have four components: an explanation of the research problem; the organizing logic for the composition of the group’s members; a description of the activities for which funding is being sought; and a rough budget. Each collaborative group should have a single UWM principal investigator (PI), who will be responsible for receiving and disbursing funds and for reporting on the group’s activities at year’s end. Collaborative groups are eligible for up to $1500 in funding, with the larger awards designated for those groups proposing to invite and host C21 speakers. Budgets are subject to modification by the C21 Collaboratory after formal review.

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For nearly fifty years, the Center has led the way in imagining, defining, and creating the fields of 20th and 21st century studies, focusing on the intersection of the humanities, arts, and sciences (social and natural) with issues of compelling concern.

The Center organizes its research and public programs around three broad areas of interdisciplinary humanities research: critical, public, and digital humanities.

**Critical** humanities describes the continuation of the Center’s ongoing focus on critical and theoretical interdisciplinary scholarship and research.

**Public** humanities entails both the communication of humanities research outside the walls of the university and the humanistic engagement with local, state, and regional communities.

**Digital** humanities research focuses on the remediation of print texts and artifacts in digital formats, as well as on the creation of new critical methodologies for analyzing digital media.

Each year the Center constitutes a group of faculty fellows whose research interests relate to one or more of these three broad areas of humanities research. Through the C21 Collaboratory, the Center supports interdisciplinary collaboration by faculty, graduate students, and academic staff both within and outside of UWM. Nationally and internationally known scholars are brought to campus to address the C21 community in seminars, lectures, and conferences.