Course-Embedded Research Grant Proposal for Fall 2016
Mellon Initiative for Undergraduate Research in the Arts and Humanities

One of the major goals of the Mellon Initiative is greater integration of research skills and research opportunities into the Arts and Humanities curriculum at all levels. Such efforts aim to better prepare students to engage in scholarly practice, especially the research of Trinity faculty members. Also, embedding research experiences into the curriculum affords more students an opportunity to learn through open-ended inquiry and exploration – a learning mode many have argued is the most powerful.

The Mellon Initiative Steering Committee invites proposals for Course-Embedded Research Grants for the fall 2016 semester. Each grant of $500 supports the incorporation of a research-related assignment required of all students in a course.

Examples can include but are not limited to:
- assignments designed to expand the number of students who participate in research experiences
- assignments designed to build specific research skills students will need in more advanced coursework or projects
- efforts to bring research methods otherwise taught in more advanced courses “forward” in the curriculum
- assignments that link critical thinking to a durable product (e.g. digital database)

Some may find it helpful to consider Trinity University’s information literacy goals as a part of preparing the proposal (http://php.trinity.edu/qep/info_lit/index.php?q=node/37).

Grant awardees will be expected to write a brief report of their experience that will be made available on the Mellon Initiative’s website. A template for the report can be found at http://goo.gl/q3ItA9. Examples of previous reports are available here.

Course-Embedded Research Grant proposals may be submitted electronically to Betty Curry (bcurry@trinity.edu). The deadline for the fall 2016 semester grants is August 3, 2016. Proposals will be reviewed by the Mellon Initiative Steering Committee the following week and award recipients will be notified by August 17, 2016. The award will be disbursed in December 2016.

Please direct any questions to Heather Sullivan, co-director of the Mellon Initiative, hsullivan@trinity.edu or Betty Curry, Program Assistant to the Mellon, bcurry@trinity.edu.

[Note: The proposal form can be found on the next page.]

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Department: Click here to enter text.

E-mail: Click here to enter text.

Course Number & Title: Click here to enter text.

Number of Students Enrolled: Click here to enter text.

Assignment/Project Title: Click here to enter text.

Assignment/Project Description (300-600 words)
Please provide a description of the research or creative assignment that explains the goals of the assignment; the methods, processes, or skills you hope the students will learn; and how those goals and skills are suited to the particular course and level of instruction (e.g., Common Curriculum course, introductory major course, senior seminar).

Please attach course syllabus