

# Mini Grant November 2019

Mini Grant applications are to be used for requests up to \$1500. Applications will be rated for quality and significance through the point system, totaling 40, as indicated in scored sections. Additional information requested by the application is also taken into consideration in its evaluation.

<b>Lastname</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Title</b>
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<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

<b>On campus Address</b>	<b>Department</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

<b>Select One</b>	<b>Select One</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Start date at Rhode Island College**

**Are you applying for both a Mini Grant and a Major Grant?**

Yes  No

*You will only be able to receive one grant per cycle.*

**NB: CFS&D is no longer accepting multiple mini grant proposals.**

<b>Proposed Project Start Date</b>	<b>Proposed Project End Date</b>
<input type="text" value="1/7/2020"/>	<input type="text" value="1/12/2020"/>

*What is the date you plan to begin your research?  
Must be after 7/1/19*

*What is the date you plan to complete your  
research? Must be before 6/30/20*

<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>
<input type="text" value="\$941.00"/>	<input type="text" value="\$941.00"/>

*Do not request an amount greater than \$1500*

**Title of Project**

**My proposal involves the use of human participants, animals, recombinant DNA, infectious or hazardous biological materials**

Yes  No

**Collaborators**

*Please list any collaborators from Rhode Island College and their roles in the proposed work.*

In the last three years, have you previously received a grant from the CFS or Faculty Research Committee or Faculty Development Fund?

Yes  No

**Reports for each successful grant must be filed by September 30th of the year for which it was received (e.g., 2018-2019 - by September 30, 2019). Final grant report forms may be found on the CFS website.**

Please list grant titles and approximate date of the activity of CFS &D grants

"How and Why to Be Well-Rounded," April 2019  
"Is There a Duty to Read the News?", August 2018  
"Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice," April 2018

Please list grant titles and approximate date of the activity of Faculty Development or Faculty Research grants

n/a

*These grants were replaced by grants from the CFS&D in spring 2018.*

**Applicants are reminded to avoid technical jargon in their project description, keeping in mind that they are writing for a multidisciplinary audience.**

NB: This form is only capable of calculating length in characters, not words. For instructions how to count characters in Microsoft Word, go to <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Show-the-word-count-and-more-3c9e6a11-a04d-43b4-977c-563a0e0d5da3> (Windows) or <https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Show-the-word-count-and-more-in-Word-for-Mac-441b6035-17fc-46df-9f6d-9174bd5c3bf1> (Mac)

**Please answer questions as fully as possible within the character limit.**

**Objectives for Funding Request: Why are you requesting these funds?**

I am requesting these funds in order to travel to the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, to be held in Philadelphia, PA January 8-11, 2020. I will be presenting in two different sessions. First, I have been invited to present a paper in a session run by the APA's Committee on Philosophy and Medicine. This session, "Revisiting Philosophy of Abortion in a Time of Crisis," brings together speakers who have been active in writing on issues about the morality and legality of abortion. My paper, "Abortion and Miscarriage: Updated," responds to questions and criticisms directed at my 2017 paper "Abortion and Miscarriage" (published in *Philosophical Studies* and later reprinted in at least one anthology). Second, I will be delivering comments on a colleague's paper, "Identity and Society: What Makes You Who You Are." In these comments, I will raise questions and give critical feedback for the speaker.

*1000 characters or fewer. Score: 0-10*

**Expected Outcome for the Funding Request: What will result from accomplishing these objectives?**

First, I will raise the profile of RIC. The three other speakers on the abortion panel are prominent philosophers from research universities (Arizona State University, Georgetown, and George Washington University). By appearing on this panel with them, I will demonstrate that RIC produces quality research on important issues. Second, I will contribute to discussion of a problem of public importance. The Committee on Philosophy and Medicine decided to hold this session because abortion restrictions have been making headlines in recent months. Abortion is a common topic of interest for students, and discussion with other philosophers will help us better teach this important topic. Third, because both sessions have a question-and-answer period, I will be able to give feedback on others' work and receive it on my own. And finally, the Eastern APA is one of the three largest philosophical conferences held each year, so I will be able to network with other philosophers.

*Please describe what will result from your grant, e.g, published paper; conference presentation, course enhancement, etc. 1000 characters or fewer. Score: 0-10*

**What impact will this have on your teaching effectiveness and/or professional competence?**

Presenting at this conference will improve my teaching effectiveness. This semester alone, two of my three classes include some discussion of the morality of abortion. When I give surveys at the beginning of the semester, students often rank that issue as one that they're most looking forward to discussing. But there are challenges as well—it's a hot-button political issue, and it's one that people have varying levels of personal experience with. Hearing the views of a range of speakers will better prepare me to teach this sensitive topic in a diverse classroom.

This will also have an effect on my professional competence. While I have published on abortion, it's not my main area of research, and this will be a good way for me to be involved in current debates and potentially publish more work in the future. Because I am participating in two sessions at this conference, this will also increase my visibility as a scholar (and RIC's visibility as an institution).

*Describe how the activity for which you are seeking funding will contribute to your advancement in your teaching practice or research/creative practice, in alignment with "The Criteria for Evaluation, Salary Increments, Promotion, and Tenure in the RIC/AFT Contract" ([http://www.ric.edu/ricaft/pdf/ricaftagreement15\\_18.pdf](http://www.ric.edu/ricaft/pdf/ricaftagreement15_18.pdf)). 1000 characters or fewer. Score 0-10*

**If applicable, please provide an explanation if you are requesting support for the continuation or another phase of a project previously funded by one or more Faculty Research or Faculty Development awards**

n/a

*A clear statement of justification for continued support must accompany an application requesting support for another phase of a project previously funded by one or more Faculty Research or Faculty Development Awards. Applications lacking such justification will be rejected.*

**If applicable, please provide an explanation of how students will be involved in the proposed work.**

n/a

*If students will be involved in the proposed work, explain the rationale, their role, and duties. 700 characters or less.*

## Budget

*The form will automatically total the amount in the columns. To add another row, click "Add Item" below the table. To remove a row, click on the "x" to the left of the row that you want to remove. For an example budget, please see the application instructions on the CFS&D website. <http://www.ric.edu/Committee-for-Faculty-Scholarship/Pages/default.aspx>*

Item	Total Project Cost (with or without CSF Funds)	Amount Requested from CFS
Conference registration	\$120.00	\$120.00
Lodging through Airbnb	\$350.00	\$350.00
Food	\$300.00	\$300.00
Travel to Philadelphia (Amtrak roundtrip)	\$171.00	\$171.00
	<b>\$941.00</b>	<b>\$941.00</b>

## Budget Justification

In order to fulfill my research and teaching objectives for these presentations, I have to travel to Philadelphia, PA. This will cost \$171 for a round-trip Amtrak ticket from Providence (as you'll see from the attached Short's Travel quote, flying is much more expensive). To save money, I will not stay at the conference hotel; I found a number of Airbnb apartments available for about \$70/night. The conference registration fee is \$120; that's significantly discounted (from \$290) since I will register early and forgo the printed program. And the food cost is the standard rate of \$50/day for six days. This includes travel days; if I have any half-days of travel, I will request reimbursement at the half-day rate.

I am not aware of, and have not applied for, any other sources of funding for this project.

*Describe how the requested items will support the project objectives. Justify both the need and the amount of the request. Please provide information on other sources of funding for which you have applied or intend to apply to any portion of the project costs and detail the items of the budget that would be covered by external funds. Projects seeking support for travel must also complete the Travel Budget Justification. 1500 characters or fewer. Score: 0-10*

**Are you requesting travel support as part of your proposal?**

Yes  No

*You must select "yes" if you are requesting travel funds.*

# Travel Budget Justification

Funding for travel should be requested only if there is a compelling reason to attend a conference, obtain materials, equipment, laboratory time, or to visit archives, collections, and research materials that are not accessible locally.

In order for travel costs to be reimbursed, cost estimates must be secured from the college's travel agent, Short's Travel. For more information, see the travel policy section of the RIC Accounting Office web page. Mileage can be calculated at no more than the Accounting Office and State's standardized mileage rate. Please visit the Accounting Office website for this rate:  
<http://www.ric.edu/accounting/Pages/tprocedures.aspx>.

NOTE: Overnight Accommodations with NOT be allowed within a 55-mile radius of Providence. The distance cannot be used in calculating the 55-mile radius. 55-mile limitations INCLUDE the City of Boston. Any request for an exception to this must be in writing and submitted to the College Controller prior to booking lodging in Boston.

## Travel Destination(s)

Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, PA

## Date of departure

1/7/2020

## Date of return

1/12/2020

*Travel must begin in the dates covered by the research period.*

## Are you requesting reimbursement for airfare?

Yes  No

## Estimate from Short's Travel agency for travel costs (see instructions)

Short's travel quote 2020 eastern.pdf

*You must attach a Short's Travel estimate if you are requesting funding for air travel.*

## Estimated cost of accommodations

\$350.00

## Estimated cost of fares and mileage

\$171.00

## Estimated cost of meals

\$300.00

*State requirements: \$50/day; \$25/half day*

## Are you applying for funds to attend a conference?

Yes  No

## What is the significance of this conference to you and to your field?

The Eastern APA is one of the three largest annual conferences in the field of philosophy. This makes it one of the best venues to meet and receive feedback from a wide range of philosophers. It's especially well attended by philosophers living in our region, making it the best way to make connections with researchers and teachers in the area.

## What is your role at the conference?

I am presenting a paper, "Abortion and Miscarriage: Updated." I was invited to present this paper by the APA Committee on Philosophy and Medicine.

I am also giving comments on a colleague's paper, "Identity and Society: What Makes You Who You Are."

*E.g., organizer, presenter, attender. Please include your paper or session title if you are presenting or organized a session.*

**Does your proposal include non-conference related travel?**

Yes  No

#### **Note to Committee**

*If you have received any counsel from the chair of the committee in relation to extenuating circumstances of your application, please note that here.*

#### **Upon submission of my proposal for a Faculty Scholarship Grant,**

I acknowledge that my application may not be considered if it is received after the deadline.

I have filled out every applicable field of this application form. Where something is not applicable, I have inserted "n/a" or "none."

If applying from the arts, I have attached any supporting images as a PDF document, not to exceed 5 pages (optional).

#### **If awarded a Faculty Scholarship Grant,**

I agree, in consideration to grants administration personnel, to submit my requests for reimbursement in a timely manner (within one month of expenditure). Any outstanding requests for reimbursement for this grant cycle must be submitted before June 30, 2020..

I must submit a brief final report on the use of these funds by September 30th of the ending year for which the grant was received. The award letter will detail the report requirements. I acknowledge that until I submit the final report, I will be ineligible to receive future faculty scholarship awards.

I agree to abide by my awarded budget, the purchasing and travel policies of Rhode Island College in the performance of any award made to me, and that if I have questions I will contact either the Purchasing or Accounting Offices for clarification on those policies.

I agree to acknowledge the support of the Committee for Faculty Scholarship and Development in my completed work.

I agree that award title and basic project information may be shared with the campus community and the Office of College Communications and Marketing as part of the college's effort to publicize faculty research and projects.

**Signature**

**Supporting materials for visual artists**

*Upload supporting visual material as a single document, no longer than 5 pages*

**Documentation of rejection of book or software purchase**