

Request for Proposals

Human Flourishing in the 21st Century

The Ethics Program invites proposals from full time faculty of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences that will advance scholarship that seeks to understand more fully what it means for human beings to flourish in the 21st century. The Ethics Program will fund one proposal for up to \$8,000 in the 2024–25 academic year. The Ethics Program intends to call for proposals every other academic year. This initiative is made possible by the John T. McLaughlin, MD, Faculty Fellowship in Ethics Endowed Fund.

Proposals are due by the first Monday of February (February 5, 2024). Announcement of the award will be made by the end of March 2024.

- I. Proposals that will be supported by the Ethics Program include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. A conference
 2. A symposium
 3. A series of lectures
 4. An artistic creation, e.g., a performance, a showcase of artwork, a screening of a short film

- II. The proposed project must also
 1. Address a question or questions related to human flourishing in the 21st century
 2. Involve undergraduate students in some way, as collaborators, participants, attendees, etc.
 3. Result in some “product”: an event, a publication, or artistic artifact
 4. Take place during the academic year for which it is funded
 - a. If awarded in spring 2024, must be completed in the 2024–25 academic year
 - b. Exceptions to this can be made in the event of a conference that needs more lead time, but ordinarily the project should be completed in the academic year following receipt of the award. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing, in advance, to the director of the Ethics Program. Projects granted an extension must be completed no later than the end of the spring semester two years after receiving the award.
 - c. The grant funds will be transferred to the department of the award recipient or, in the event of an RFP authored by more than one person, to the department designated in proposal. A letter of support from the department chair, related to managing the grant money, must accompany the proposal.

Proposals that emphasize interdisciplinary conversations and/or scholarship, engage undergraduate students in meaningful ways, and are available to the public are ideal.

III. The money can support expenses pertinent to the project, such as

1. Faculty travel for research
2. Purchase of materials
3. Stipends for invited collaborators, as well as travel costs
4. Costs associated with hosting a conference/symposium
5. Costs associated with an artistic performance/exhibition

Payments to Villanova faculty, staff, and students are not covered by this award.

This award can be combined with other sources of financial support, but the Ethics Program must be clearly identified as a sponsor of the project.

The following text should be included in any publications or publicity related to the funded project:

Financial support provided by the John T. McLaughlin MD Faculty Fellowship in Ethics Fund of the Ethics Program at Villanova University.

The proposal should include the following:

1. A narrative of no more than three pages, not including a bibliography, that explains the ways in which the proposed project will address the items listed above in Section II
2. A proposed budget, including the sources of additional funding that may be necessary
3. Applicants' curriculum vitae

Within a month of the end of the proposed project, the project coordinator will submit:

1. A detailed accounting of expenses
2. A narrative of not more than two pages which identifies the objectives of the project and the degree to which they were met

The full-time faculty in the Ethics Program serve as the selection committee.

All questions should be directed to Mark Doorley at mark.doorley@villanova.edu.