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From: Faculty Research Development Office  
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competitions: Henry Luce Foundation: Advancing Public Scholarship on Religion and Theology

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Through competitively-awarded grants to research universities, the Luce Foundation's Theology Program aims to support collaborative, experimental, and field-shaping initiatives that enliven the practice of public scholarship. The Foundation welcomes inquiries for public scholarship projects that:

- Cross religious, geographic, and academic boundaries
- Advance scholarship that critically examines received assumptions about religion, secularity, and public culture
- Work inventively at the intersections of theological inquiry and the multidisciplinary study of religion

Grants may fund a wide range of possible activities, including (but not limited to):

- Publicly engaged humanities and social science research
- Support for the next generation of scholars, teachers, and public intellectuals
- Creative uses of digital technologies and new publication platforms
- Multi-institutional collaborations of various kinds

Engagement with religious, media, policy, activist and/or art communities is particularly encouraged, and special consideration will be given to proposed projects involving partnerships with non-academic organizations.

Grant amounts of \$250,000 to \$750,000 will be considered, and approved grants will typically fund projects that can be completed in less than 5 years. The **deadline to submit a letter of inquiry to the Henry Luce Foundation is October 15, 2019.**

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one letter of inquiry.

*\*\*If you anticipate that you will be submitting a pre-proposal (letter of inquiry) for this internal competition, please send a **statement of interest via e-mail** to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by **Monday, August 26, 2019**. This will help us to arrange a review committee in advance to expedite the process and maximize the amount of time the selected submitter has to prepare their final submission to the sponsor.\*\**

**Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal (letter of inquiry) in a SINGLE PDF file (11 point font) by NOON on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: Luce - your name.**

No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal should address the major points that will be included in the letter of inquiry: 1) briefly describe the project, including its significance, key goals, and principal activities; 2) explain how the project relates to the priorities and goals of the Luce Foundation program to which you are applying.; 3) explain briefly how the project relates to current or previous work of UNM and will benefit your UNM.; 4) explain briefly how the project relates to work in the field generally and will advance the field; 5) list

anticipated project outcomes and deliverables; **The 3-page narrative should be accompanied by a draft budget overview and a 2-page PI CV.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

For additional information:

Henry Luce Foundation grant website:

<https://www.hluce.org/programs/theology/grant-categories/>

*If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at 272-6950 for more information.*