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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Henry Luce Foundation American Art Exhibition Competition

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The [Henry Luce Foundation Exhibition Competition](#) supports scholarly loan exhibitions that significantly advance the study and understanding of art of the United States, including all facets of Native American art. Eligible projects may address any time period and/or medium, excepting performance art, film, and the work of emerging artists, and must result in substantial exhibitions and accompanying publications. Proposals will be judged on the aesthetic and historical merit of the art under consideration, as well as on the intellectual rigor and originality of the exhibition's conceptual framework. Competitive projects will be concertedly focused on original art objects of distinct quality.

- Letters of Inquiry must be submitted online by the originating institution, rather than by a participating-venue institution. (Letters are not accepted from individuals.)
- The program does not support projects that are primarily historical, documentary, social, or technological.
- Art of the United States, including Native American art, should constitute significantly more than half of the checklist.
- The organizing institution's permanent collection should not constitute more than half of the exhibition checklist.
- Exhibitions with substantial involvement of an artist's estate or commercial dealer cannot be considered.
- A single, privately-held collection should constitute no more than half of the exhibition checklist.
- The proposed exhibition should not open within the calendar year of the annual exhibition review to which it has been submitted, or before March of the following year.

Concept notes are due through the Luce online portal by **April 29, 2022**. Applicants will be informed of decisions by May 17th. Approximately 30 institutions will be invited to submit full proposals. Selected institutions must submit full proposals through the online portal by June 24.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE proposal.** Please submit your 200-word statement of interest by **NOON on Wednesday, March 30, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a *required step* and no late submissions will be considered.

Should there be interest from more than one art institution, we will request a preproposal and will run a limited competition.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact [Corey Ford](#) or [Cassandra Misenar](#) for more information.