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

Subject: Terra Foundation: Re-envisioning Permanent Collections: A Special Initiative for US Museums

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The Terra Foundation launched a new two-year initiative as Phase Two of its recovery grant program for museums in the United States, including those in metropolitan Chicago. Phase One of the recovery program began as a means of offering immediate financial assistance in response to COVID-19 and the effects of shutdowns and other measures necessitated by the pandemic. Through this second phase, the foundation will continue to assist with the financial challenges faced by art institutions. They are especially interested in projects that can help organizations meaningfully advance their work to become more diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive.

The Terra Foundation will support projects that engage permanent collections to offer more diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive histories of American art and visitor experiences. Grants will offset planning and/or implementation costs for:

- permanent collection reinstallations
- temporary exhibitions drawn primarily from a museum's permanent collection or that join other collections' holdings

Individual grants will range between \$25,000 and \$75,000. Indirect costs are limited to 15%. The Terra Foundation encourages proposals from museums of varying sizes, annual budgets, and geographic regions.

Terra Foundation Deadlines

Letter of Inquiry: November 1, 2021

Proposal: January 7, 2022

Projects should begin no sooner than April 1, 2022. More information is available on the Terra Foundation website [here](#).

This is a limited competition. Proposals may request planning and/or implementation funding for temporary exhibitions or reinstallations; however, the Terra Foundation will accept only one proposal per institution through the initiative. The proposal should come from the organizing institution.

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 by **Friday, September 10, 2021**. This will help us arrange a review committee in advance to expedite the process and maximize the 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 Friday, September 17, 2021, to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: Terra Foundation - your name. No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal should address the major points that will be included in the letter of inquiry:

- Brief statement of the organization's purpose and goals
- Description of the project, including its beginning and ending dates
- Objectives of the project
- Other organizing partners and funding sources and amounts for the project, if relevant
- Preliminary or draft object list
- Total cost of project and the grant amount requested (including 15% indirect costs)

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

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