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Announcing New Publication Grants Program

The Carl & Marilyn Thoma Art Foundation is pleased to announce a new initiative to support museum and university press publishing projects. Beginning on June 15, 2020, the Foundation's new **Publication Grants Program** will provide grants to museum and university press publishing projects that offer significant original scholarship in the fields of digital and electronic art, art of the Spanish Americas, post-war painting and sculpture, Japanese bamboo, and arts and culture of the American Southwest. At the core of the Publication Grants Program is a deep commitment to advancing scholarship and providing broad and equitable dissemination of knowledge and ideas.

Publication Grants are intended to assist with production-related expenses. Eligible costs include author's fees, editing, image rights and permissions, photography, design, printing, and translation.

Museums and university presses are eligible to apply. Individual authors with completed manuscripts in applicable fields should mention the availability of Thoma Art Foundation Publication Grants when they submit their manuscript to a university press for consideration.

Please contact grants@thomafoundation.org with any questions.

The Carl & Marilyn Thoma Art Foundation recognizes the power of the arts to challenge and shift perceptions, spark creativity, and connect people across cultures. We lend and exhibit artworks from our collection and support pivotal initiatives in the arts. The Foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose innovative projects and original ideas will advance scholarship in the arts. By supporting innovative programs at their earliest stages, the Foundation is dedicated to integrating art into the fiber of daily life. Learn more about the Foundation's grantmaking programs [here](#).

Publication Grants Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a publishing grant, projects must

- offer significant original scholarship in one or more of the following fields: digital and electronic art, art of the Spanish Americas, post-war painting and sculpture, Japanese bamboo, and arts and culture of the American Southwest;
- for a university press, be under contract with an author or authors; for a museum, be approved by the museum administration and in planning;
- be a complete scholarly manuscript scheduled for publication within three years of the application date;
- undergo peer review (organizations that do not have a peer-review process in place may use the Foundation's publication assessment form, which should be completed by at least two qualified reviewers); and
- be disseminated in English in addition to any other languages.

Projects considered for a translation grant must satisfy all the above criteria, as well as

- provide material related to the accreditation or qualifications of the intended translation service; and
- demonstrate an intended audience for the translated work.

Both print and digital formats that satisfy the above criteria are eligible. All applicants will need to submit a project budget and timeline in the Foundation's template. Publications we have funded in the past received between \$5,000 and \$100,000, with an average of \$30,000 for a full-length manuscript.

Museums applying for exhibition catalogue support should still apply through our [Grants for Nonprofit Organizations](#) application process.

The following are eligible for grant support:

- Organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation
- Domestic and international applicants

The following are not eligible for grant support:

- Debt or expenses incurred prior to the date of grant request
- Endowment and capital projects
- General operating support
- Scholarship aid or work in pursuit of an academic degree
- Work focused on K–12 curriculum or learning and/or intended for K–12 audiences
- Collection handbooks and publications that primarily feature a single private or commercial collection
- Capital expenditures

Application

The Foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry on a rolling basis. If we are interested in learning more about your project, we will be in contact with an invitation to submit a Complete Proposal.

2020 deadlines:

- September 18
- December 18

Please visit our [website](#) to download PDFs of application templates and to explore previous recipients. All grant requests must be submitted through our online [grants portal](#).

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