This call for proposals for research group support is open to faculty in the humanities and related social sciences, to encourage inter- and multidisciplinary inquiry in support of California studies at UC Davis. We define California broadly to include areas, regions, or sites within the state, as well as state-wide geographies and those which consider California in the context of its relationship to Greater Mexico or the Pacific Rim, or other broader regional understandings of California. Proposals that interrogate or re-imagine received concepts of regional or area studies are also welcome.

The research seminar may be convened around organizing symposia or other events; preparing large grant application materials; conducting faculty-led working groups; organizing scholarly retreats that address a particular topic or issue of regional concern; or developing co-authored scholarly publications or other materials. Proposals for other research group purposes or activities are welcome, as well. We encourage proposals that involve UC Davis participants from multiple disciplines and that have a clear orientation toward a particular shared goal or endeavor.

We will consider proposals requesting up to $15,000 in support. Expenses may include participant compensation, travel and event costs, and necessary supplies and materials, among other items. No more than $500 may be spent on food for regular group meetings. No more than half of the proposed budget may be allocated for UC Davis participant compensation. Individual faculty may receive no more than $2500 and graduate students no more than $1500 each.

The seminar may take place in the winter 2012 or spring 2012 quarter, or across both. We will require full financial and activity reporting by August 1, 2012. (Further details will be made available upon acceptance of proposal.) To apply for research seminar support, please submit the following:

- **A project proposal (4 pages max.)**
  This should describe the proposed research seminar in detail and what it will contribute to California studies on our campus. This should include information about proposed activities, participants, and outcomes, as applicable. Please also include a title for the research seminar. Proposals should begin with a heading including proposer’s name, rank, and department.

- **A budget outlining proposed expenses up to $15,000 (1-2 pages)**

- **A brief, current CV (4 pages max.)**

*Proposals are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.*

Please submit the above materials in a single PDF to jloudermilk@ucdavis.edu. Your email should have the following subject line: CCI Research Seminar Proposal.

Questions may be directed to Jessica Loudermilk, California Cultures Initiative coordinator, at jloudermilk@ucdavis.edu.