Call For Proposals:
Dialogue & Engagement Across Differences

Would you like to create a campus-wide event that engages a complex social issue? Can you, your organization and/or your colleagues imagine innovative ways to create space for finding common ground in the face of deep-rooted and intense disagreements? The President's Office would like to support students, faculty, administrators and staff interested in developing lectures, dialogues, arts events, etc. that speak to Vassar's commitment to diverse ideas, transformative and respectful dialogue, and the importance of engaging difficult issues as a community.

Over the academic years of 2014-15 and 2015-16, the President's Office will make available funds to support programs that examine controversial issues facing Vassar and society at large. Topics are unrestricted, but should engage a cross-section of the Vassar campus. Funding priority will go to proposals that bring into conversation the widest group of campus participants, from the planning stages to presentation. Moreover, proposals that explore complex social issues from multidimensional perspectives are encouraged. The inclusion of multiple voices and opinions is central to program funding consideration.

Proposals should include:
- Program title;
- Program abstract (maximum 100 words);
- Detailed program description (maximum 600 words) which should include format description (lecture, workshop, interactive/experiential, or other) and time length;
- Bios of invited speaker(s) (if applicable)--no more than 100 words for each speaker;
- Intended goals of the program;
- Names and contact information for student organizations, campus offices, faculty groups, and/or departments and programs collaborating to produce the program; and
- Detailed budget.

Deadline open: proposals accepted on an ongoing basis

Submit proposals to presidentsoffice@vassar.edu