

# The Shapiro Center for Research + Collaboration

## Shapiro Fellowship 2018/19

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### **Application deadline: May 15, 2018**

*How to apply:* Send a research proposal (two pages maximum) to Jaclyn Jacunski (jjacunski@saic.edu). Include:

1. 50-word abstract
  2. Project description, including current status (ongoing, new, near completion, etc)
  3. Project timeline
  4. Project goals/outcomes
  5. Name of Research Assistant
  6. A basic “job description” for your Research Assistant (What role will they fill?)
  7. You may include images on a third page if required
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The Shapiro Center for Research + Collaboration welcomes proposals from all faculty for research project support. This award comes in the form of graduate assistant help. Each selected project will receive funding to provide *125 hours* of support (either 8hrs/wk for one semester or 4hrs/wk for two semesters).

Unlike previous years where the Shapiro Center and Graduate Admissions “matched” applicants with an incoming graduate student, you are invited to apply with a current student of your choosing as an established research team. This can be a current graduate or undergraduate student you have identified as appropriately skilled and prepared to serve as a research assistant for the 2018-19 academic year.

### **FAQ**

Q. What do you mean by a “research project”?

- A. Research at SAIC can mean many different things; faculty are welcome to define “research” how they see fit. This includes scholarly work, material-based projects, conceptually-driven experiments and more. As long as there is an identified line of inquiry established in the proposal, it counts as research.

Q. Can I identify a graduating student?

- A. Yes. If the student you would like to work with is a graduating senior or graduate student, you may still work with them. Note that there are different tax implications for the student receiving the stipend, and that faculty is responsible for managing student hours and communication even if they are off-campus.

Q. Do I have to be a certain faculty rank?

A. No! All faculty levels may apply. No preferences will be given for faculty rank.

Q. What do faculty owe Shapiro Center when completed?

A. Faculty must provide a report of activities at the end of the funding period, identifying project progress and how student assistance contributed to this outcome. Faculty will also provide images and appropriate documentation for Shapiro Center to keep as record of activities.

Q. Can Shapiro Center help me find a student for my project?

A. The Shapiro Center in previous years worked with Graduate Admissions to match faculty with incoming students. This process was laborious and often unsuccessful; faculty and students took significant time to get to know each other and faculty at times were unsatisfied with this “blind date” approach. To foster better working relationships, we now ask faculty to identify a student on their own, trusting that faculty know best the students most suited to their projects. While the Shapiro Center will not formally match faculty and students, we can, on a case-by-case basis, assist faculty with finding students with help from the Graduate Dean or other areas.