Sponsor: The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation  
Opportunity Name: Sawyer Seminar  
External Link: https://mellon.org/programs/higher-education-and-scholarship-humanities/sawyer-seminars/  
Notes: Faculty teams are encouraged to submit expressions of interest for The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Sawyer Seminar program. The University will submit one proposal for AY 2021-22 funding.

A Sawyer Seminar allows a group of faculty, visiting scholars, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students to engage over the course of an academic year in multidisciplinary, comparative inquiry about a topic of contemporary relevance.

Seminars may investigate any theme, but "race, ethnicity, and migration" and "nontraditional narratives in the history of the Americas" are of particular interest this round.

Preference is given to proposals that bring together scholars from different disciplines (esp. within the arts, humanities, and social sciences) and from nearby institutions, and that integrate graduate students as key participants.

Funding is available up to $255,000 and must be used for at least one postdoctoral fellowship and two graduate student dissertation fellowships. Funding cannot be used to cover course releases or faculty time.

Expressions of interest should be sent to limited@nd.edu and must include a 1-2 pg. description of the proposed Seminar detailing:

1) the core faculty team (+ a list of ideal participants from other institutions, if applicable);  
2) the overall Seminar theme and the case for its relevance and originality;  
3) a Seminar meeting timeline, with a list of potential discussion topics/case studies.

The selected team will be assisted with full proposal development.