

## **BU Pardee School's Policy & Security Initiative**

### Launches its Call for Proposals for 2018-19 Faculty Seed Research Grants

The new Policy & Security Initiative (PSI) at Boston University's Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies is pleased to announce a call for faculty grant proposals. Seed research grants (up to \$2000 per grant) are available for Pardee full-time faculty working on or interested in developing projects that use history and/or IR theory to evaluate prevailing assumptions, practices, or approaches in the foreign policy/international security policy sphere.

PSI is open to proposals covering a range of methods and thematic issues. We are especially interested in projects that address the impact of domestic actors on U.S. foreign policy; survey the costs, risks, and impacts of foreign aid and alliance commitments; assess the use of history in grand strategy debates; bring new history to light that can explicitly inform grand strategy discussions; and evaluate the consequences of growing geopolitical competition on U.S. grand strategy given domestic and fiscal considerations. Proposals interested in using history and/or theory to evaluate assumptions, practices, or approaches in U.S. foreign policy or the international security policy space will be considered.

Grants can be used for travel (to actively participate in conferences and workshops, conduct archival research, etc.) and research expenses. Grant recipients will be asked to acknowledge PSI's support in any published work, and to compose a short (1200-1500 word) policy brief explaining what aspects of international security/foreign policy merit revision in light of the research conducted funded by PSI.

To apply, please submit a 400-500 word proposal along with a budget to Professors William Grimes ([wgrimes@bu.edu](mailto:wgrimes@bu.edu)), Jayita Sarkar ([jsarkar@bu.edu](mailto:jsarkar@bu.edu)), and Joshua Shiffrin ([jris@bu.edu](mailto:jris@bu.edu)). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis between Sep. 15 and Oct. 31, 2018.