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Thompson Center on Public Leadership to Fund Statewide Speakers and Faculty Research

MADISON— In its efforts to embody “the Wisconsin Idea,” the [Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership](#) will fund speaker presentations and faculty grants on UW campuses across the state in the upcoming academic year. The object of both is to advance effective public leadership and address pressing challenges in Wisconsin.

These “Thompson Talks” will be publicized to the UW campus and the broader community, will bring timely political and policy issues to the attention of larger audiences, and are expected to generate lively public debates. Student organizations, faculty, or departments of any UW-system school outside of UW-Madison (where the Center is based and holding other planned events throughout the school year) may apply for speaker grants.

The Thompson Center also pursues its leadership objectives through funding faculty research. This year the Center will focus on projects that address prison to work initiatives and the future of transportation in Wisconsin.

Spurred by Governor Thompson’s recently proposed “[Second Chance Initiative](#),” the Center seeks proposals from UW System scholars to investigate how to reduce recidivism and long-term prison costs while increasing employment among former low-level offenders and non-violent prisoners. The Thompson Center is interested in funding research on programs designed to get prisoners on track with skills and jobs that help them hit the ground running when they re-enter society.

The Center is also interested in faculty grant proposals which investigate the future of transportation in Wisconsin. In the effort to anticipate changes forthcoming in transportation, the Thompson Center seeks to fund research on a wide array of transportation and transportation-related issues.

For more details on deadlines, applicant eligibility, and requirements please go to the [Thompson Center](#) website at <https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/faculty-research-grants/> and <https://thompsoncenter.wisc.edu/speaker-grants-thompson-talks/>.

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