



A Kenan Institute for Ethics Initiative

Ethics Book Clubs for Staff

Established in 2015, with close to 70 books having been read across 21 departments, the Ethics Book Clubs for Staff initiative seeks to foster an informal and fun conversational space for Duke staff to discuss works of fiction and non-fiction related, broadly, to ethics.

The Kenan Institute for Ethics invites departments to keep this form of engagement going in this moment of virtual learning. To apply for seed funding (\$500), which may be used to purchase books and supplies, please complete and submit the attached form to Jeremy Buotte (jeremy.buotte@duke.edu).

Expectations for all book clubs are as follows:

- Clubs are open only to staff members from Duke departments and schools; clubs must be comprised entirely of Duke staff members
- Clubs must engage issues surrounding ethics through their book selections and group discussions (sample book list available upon request)
- Clubs are to meet virtually on a regular basis (weekly, biweekly, or monthly), preferably during work hours
- Clubs should be open to convening with other book clubs, as is fitting (e.g., if the same book is being read by more than one department), for occasional group discussions

Seed Funding Application

Contact Person

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Name of Department:

Number of Participating Staff Members:

We encourage departments with fewer than 5 participating staff members to apply jointly with another small department. Contact Jeremy Buotte for more information (jeremy.buotte@duke.edu).

What do you and your colleagues hope to gain from starting a book club?

What books are you and fellow staff members interested in reading?

Do you expect to have departmental support for the continuation of a book club once seed feeding has been used?