Language Support Grants

The Language Committee at Columbia University is seeking proposals for projects that enhance language teaching and learning at Columbia. We welcome proposals from all languages and all levels of instruction. The deadline for this year’s proposals is April 1, 2016. Please email your proposal (with cover form and representative sample materials) to LRC@columbia.edu.

These grants are meant to allow language lecturers to develop new approaches that will have an immediate, practical and meaningful impact in the language classroom.

Funding from Arts & Sciences supports two types of grants:

**Exploratory grants**: These are grants of up to $1500, which allow language lecturers to explore the feasibility of a potential project, or help conceptualize a curricular innovation.

**Implementation grants**: These are grants of up to $4000, which support more developed projects with well-articulated pedagogical objectives. They can be awarded for new projects or as a follow-up to expand the scope of a previous pilot grant project.

Faculty should submit a formal proposal of up to two pages addressing the following points:

- What language teaching/learning problem have you identified?
- What is your proposed solution?
- How does this solution directly resolve the stated problem?
- What resources will you need to affect the stated solution?
- What is the timeline of the project?
- What is the estimated cost of the project? (Please include a detailed budget.)
- How will you assess the success of this project? What are the deliverables?
- Please attach a representative sample—with a summary in English—as an appendix.

We strongly encourage applicants to consider the following criteria as they’re developing their proposals:

- scalability, that is to say, whether the project has practical application beyond the individual faculty member’s classroom, either for other instructors in their language, other departments at Columbia, or an audience beyond Columbia.
- feasibility; projects should be realistic in scope;
- linkages to other university initiatives;
- global engagement;
- enhancement of the less commonly taught languages;
- bridges to other disciplines and curricular areas;
- collaboration and partnerships, at the level of the classroom, curriculum, or institution;
- engagement of communities outside the classroom;
- target intercultural skills.

Grants are funded annually in May. Projects should be completed and presented to the Columbia language community by the end of the next academic year.

These grants are not intended to fund the following: travel, purchase of equipment, conferences, or library enrichment. Funding for these items is available through your home department or through Arts and Sciences.

The LRC staff is available to help you frame or fine-tune your proposals. Please take advantage of the opportunity to consult with the LRC prior to submitting your final proposal.

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