2018 - CALL FOR TRILATERAL INTIATIVES IN EMERGING REGIONS (T.I.E.R)

DEADLINE- JUNE 22, 2018

ELIGIBILITY

The Alliance Program is an academic partnership bringing together Columbia University, Sciences Po, École Polytechnique, and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. Founded in 2002, Alliance promotes collaboration among these four institutions, including visiting professorships, joint research and doctoral mobility.

The Alliance Call for Trilateral Initiatives in Emerging Regions (T.I.E.R) invites faculty members to submit proposals for jointly taught courses, research, seminars or workshops to broaden educational opportunities and address the student driven demand for exposure to countries and territories outside Europe and North America. ***The call is only open to full-time officers of instruction of professorial rank.***

The primary goals of the initiative are to promote academic cooperation with out-of-the-network research and education institutions in other continents, in support of capacity building. The initiative encourages projects of all disciplines aimed at innovative regional immersion/integration including, among others, citizenship and urban studies, management of natural resources, public health, statistical capacity or data analysis.

In addition to partnering with accredited higher education institutions or research centers outside Europe and North America, the initiative must involve collaboration of full time faculty from Columbia University and at least one of the Alliance French partners: Sciences Po, École Polytechnique, and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

The Alliance Program will fund up to **$15,000/project** for travel, materials, technological support, and other expenses in the design/implementation of the project. The grant cannot be used for salary, stipends, Per Diem, or teaching-assistant wages.

Principal investigators from Columbia University **must inform the Dean/Chair, and the Director of Administration and Finance of their School/Department of their application to this grant.** Applications must be submitted by an individual with the authority to serve as a principal investigator, who will assume primary scholarly, administrative, and financial responsibility for the project at Columbia University.

Applicants with projects that include student travel are required to consult with Columbia's Office of Global Programs (for programs that involve undergraduates), or the Dean of Students of the associated School (for programs that involve graduate students).

Please note that if your project involves course work or seeks to grant credit, and the project is funded, proper approvals from all committees and academic offices will need to be obtained.

The initiative targets proposals that have found or will seek external funding from either two channels:
- · Philanthropy or International Organization focused on assisting capacity building, particularly in Africa and Asia (i.e. the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, SSRC, CODESRIA, EuropeAid, Agence Française de Développement-AFD, Institut de Recherche et de Développement-IRD, CIRAD, INRA, ADEME, PNUE…)
- · Local universities covering local expenses to benefit their faculty.

Special consideration will be given to those projects which aim to promote sustainable relationships between departments or schools in the Alliance network.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

Application required documents must be sent in English, to alliance@columbia.edu (in this order).

1. Cover page including the project title, e-mail, telephone number and affiliation of each principal investigator and link to their CV online. At Least one principal investigator from Columbia University, one from any of three Alliance French Partners, and one from an accredited higher education institutions or research centers outside Europe and North America.
2. Abstract outlining the joint project in a one-paragraph summary suitable for public reports, publicity materials, and the Alliance website.
3. Narrative (suggested length of two pages, five pages maximum) describing the research question, theoretical foundations, existing literature, methodology, relevance of transatlantic collaboration in the field, future publication opportunities emerging from the project, potential for project expansion, growth and sustainability.
4. Detailed budget (one page) outlining travel, accommodation, catering etc. as well as a provisional timeline.
   Please note that the grant will not cover any types of salary, stipends, per diem or teaching-assistant wages.
5. Letters of support (required) from collaborating faculty, describing their commitments.
6. Letters of support (as appropriate) from external collaborators, other institutions or investigators and from other external funding sources.

Note: If a successful project presents evident potential for expansion, growth and sustainability, the Alliance Program will offer to work with principal investigators to identify sources of funding, particularly among US foundations, and will support outreach to potential funders if relevant.

We strongly encourage project proposals that lead to the publication of articles in peer-reviewed publications.

Please submit complete application to alliance@columbia.edu .

REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications will be assessed by the Alliance Program Scientific Committee.

The evaluation will take into account:

- · The academic quality of the project and relevance of pedagogical innovation
- · The relevance of the transatlantic partnership
- · The coherence and the consistence of the budget and the potential to attract external support
- · The consistency of the team and its contribution to the broader research interest of applicants' departments and research centers
- · The project's potential for further collaboration, expansion, and sustainability.

Results will be announced by October 2018.

REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Project timeline: The first project-related expenses should be incurred within one year of the date of award. All expenses and activities should be incurred in the following year.

Project report: Recipients are required to submit to the Alliance Program a final Academic Report on the research conducted*.*

Acknowledgement: Recipients must acknowledge the support of the "*Alliance Program T.I.E.R Grant*" in any papers, publications, resumes, academic and public events related to the project and are required to provide the Alliance team with copies of these papers and publications.

Payment of the grant: The funds will be transferred to the department of the principal investigator at Columbia University, who will assume primary scholarly, administrative, and financial responsibility for the project.

All Columbia University students and faculty members who will travel internationally as part of an Alliance granted project should refer to the International Travel Planning Policy, and are encouraged to register their travels through the University's Global Travel website.

CONTACTS

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