

2024 - CALL FOR JOINT PROJECTS ON CLIMATE

DEADLINE : February 14th 2025

A. ELIGIBILITY

The Alliance Call for Joint Projects in Climate is open to full-time officers of instruction of professorial rank, from all disciplines at Columbia University, École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

Projects must be presented jointly by at least one faculty member from Columbia University and one faculty member from any one of the three French institutions.

Projects that include third parties from other academic institutions are strongly encouraged, as long as the project team includes at least one faculty member from Columbia University and at least one faculty member from any one of the three French institutions.

The Alliance Program will fund projects **up to \$30,000** for travel, technological support, and other expenses related to the design and implementation of the project. *The grant may not be used for Per Diems, stipends, or salaries of project leaders. It may be used for a teaching assistant's salary, provided that it represents no more than 50% of the amount of the grant awarded.*

Principal investigators from Columbia University must inform their Dean or Department Chair, and their Director of Administration and Finance 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 The Center for Undergraduate Global Engagement (UGE - 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 funded project involves coursework or seeks credit, proper approvals from all committees and academic offices will need to be obtained, if the project is selected.

Eligible projects include:

- Workshops, symposia and other academic events designed to lead to new research or to the drafting of grant proposals for major foundations
- Thematic graduate workshops with students and faculty members from two or more Alliance member institutions
- Joint publications (monographs, edited volumes, or peer-reviewed articles) based on joint research or jointly held academic conferences or workshops
- The creation and delivery of joint courses (including online courses) between Columbia and one of the three French Alliance partner institutions. We are inviting proposals that aim to challenge and reinvent traditional teaching methods through the creation of joint courses (including through online, face-to-face and hybrid methodologies)

We accept applications **in all climate-related subject areas**, including (but not limited to): Climate modeling, atmospheric dynamics, climate and food security, extreme climate events, climate policy, sustainable finance, energy transition, ESG (Environment, Society, Governance) policies, climate economics, climate and the law, climate justice, smart cities, urban mobility, biodiversity, ice sheets melting, climate information, climate adaptation and mitigation.

Special consideration will also be given to projects that aim to promote sustainable relationships between departments, research institutes, and schools in the Alliance network.

B. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Application materials must include the following documents and must be submitted in English using this [application form](#)

1. Cover page including the project title, e-mail, telephone number, and affiliation of each principal investigator
2. Abstract outlining the joint project in a one-paragraph summary suitable for public reports, publicity materials, and the Alliance website
3. Narrative (five pages maximum) describing the research question, theoretical foundations, project objectives, a list of deliverables, existing literature, methodology, relevance of transatlantic collaboration in the field, future publication opportunities emerging from the project, potential for project expansion, growth and sustainability, as well as and the project's potential for encouraging future endeavors and partnerships between participating institutions
4. Curriculum vitae of project investigators

5. One-page budget detailing the cost allocation of the joint project with amounts specified by category (travel, accommodation, catering etc.) and a provisional timeline. Please note that the grant may not be used for Per Diems, stipends, or salaries. It may be used for a teaching or research assistant's salary, provided that it represents no more than 50% of the amount of the grant awarded
6. At least two letters from Department Chairs or Deans, confirming their support of the project
7. Letters from external collaborators, other institutions, or investigators confirming their commitment to the project

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

Application deadline: January 31st 2025

C. REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be assessed by the Alliance Program Scientific Committee

The evaluation will consider:

- The academic quality of the project and relevance of pedagogical innovations it proposes
- The relevance and strength of the international partnership being built and developed through the project
- A well-structured and cost-efficient budget. *Only flights in Economy/Coach are allowed except for a documented medical condition that requires a reasonable accommodation that has been approved by the University's Leave Management office*
- The project's potential for expansion, growth and sustainability and its capacity to attract external support
- The strength of the project team and the project's added value to broader research and academic interests within applicants' institutions as well as the strong potential for further collaboration

Results will be announced by April 2024

D. REQUIREMENTS FOR 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 within two years of the date of the award.

Project Report: Recipients are required to submit to the Alliance Program a detailed report on the project, including objectives met, achievements, outcomes, partnerships created, existing or prospective publications generated by the project, long-term impact and sustainability. The report must be submitted within three (3) months of the project's conclusion. A 350 words summary of the report is also required for posting on the Alliance website.

Acknowledgement: Recipients are required to acknowledge the support of the “Alliance Program Joint Projects Grant on Climate” in any papers, publications, academic and public events related to the project and are required to provide the Alliance team with copies of these papers, publications, as well as conference and seminar programs.

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](#).

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