

2024 - CALL FOR TRILATERAL INITIATIVES IN EMERGING REGIONS (T.I.E.R)

DEADLINE : January 17th 2025

A. ELIGIBILITY

The Alliance Call for Trilateral Initiatives in Emerging Regions (T.I.E.R) invites faculty members to submit proposals for a jointly taught course, 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 open to all 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. 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, technological support, and other expenses in the design and implementation of the project. *The grant may not be used for Per Diems, stipends, or salaries. It may be used for a teaching assistant's salary, if it represents no more than 30% of the amount of the grant awarded.*

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 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 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.

Eligible projects include:

- Joint conferences and seminars. Although grants may not be used to produce a publication, we strongly encourage project proposals that lead to the publication of articles in peer-reviewed journals
- Thematic doctoral workshops with students and faculty members from both institutions
- The creation and delivery of joint courses (including online courses) between Columbia and one of the three French Alliance partner institutions, in all disciplines. 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 subject areas**. However, applications in the following priority areas are particularly encouraged:

- Climate change and sustainable development
- AI and the social and ethical impact of digital technology
- Race relations, inequality and social justice
- Democracy and human rights
- The Humanities (including digital Humanities and the promotion of Humanities research and teaching)

The initiative targets proposals that have found or will seek external funding from either two channels:

- Philanthropic or international organization focused on assisting capacity building, particularly in Africa and Asia (i.e., Carnegie Corporation of New York, Mellon Foundation, 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 projects which aim to promote sustainable relationships between departments or schools in the Alliance network.

B. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Application materials include the following documents and must be submitted in English on the application form at <https://alliance.columbia.edu/form/trilateral-initiatives-in-emergi>:

1. Cover page, including project title, e-mail, telephone number and affiliation of each principal investigator and link to their CV online. There should be at Least one principal investigator from Columbia University, one from any of the three Alliance French partner institutions, and one from an accredited higher education institution or research center 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, empirical and methodological facets, the relevance of transatlantic collaboration in the field and the project's potential for encouraging future endeavors among the institutions. Please also mention whether the project intends to attract external funding.
4. A one-page budget detailing project costs, including amounts 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 assistant's salary, provided that it represents no more than 20% of the amount of the grant awarded.

5. At least two letters from Department Chairs or Deans, confirming their support of the project
6. 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.

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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 trilateral 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 T.I.E.R. Grant" 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 grant will only be awarded after submission of original receipts for all expenses. 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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