

Call for Proposal

Spring 2017 External Faculty Curriculum Development Grants

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies invites proposals for its Spring 2017 Faculty Curriculum Development Grants competition for non-UIUC faculty. As digital technology, population movements, and economic change bring us all closer together, the awareness of cultural differences is vital for success in today's globalized marketplace, making the internationalization of college curricula more important than ever. Since Latin America continues to be a key area of national, economic, political, and cultural importance, exposing students to the languages, cultures, histories, and politics of the region will help become better informed global citizens and more competitive in the job and academic markets.

The purpose of the Faculty Curriculum Development Grants is to support the development of curriculum that brings issues related to Latin America into the classroom. Awards of up to \$2,000 can be used to pay for travel, the purchase of classroom materials (books, films, teaching collections) etc. (contact szremski@illinois.edu for questions about allowable expenses). While this is envisioned as a curriculum development grant, funds may be used to support faculty research in special cases as long as the application articulates a clear argument as to how the proposed research will be brought into the classroom.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be full-time faculty at accredited post-secondary institutions
- Preference given to applicants from Minority Serving Institutions and Community Colleges

Guidelines

To apply, please submit the following:

- **Coversheet:** Please complete the attached cover sheet
- **Course Description/Syllabus:** Please attached a brief course description or syllabus for the course(s) that will be impacted by this grant.
- **Project Narrative:** (2 pages maximum) the narrative should clearly explain how the applicant intends to use the requested funds and how the activities undertaken during the grant period will be translated into the classroom.
- **Budget:** the budget should include detailed breakdown of expenses (i.e. airfare, gas mileage, lodging, materials to be purchased, etc. – Please see note below as to which types of expenses are not allowable).
- **Application materials** should be combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to szremski@illinois.edu. Please include your last name and Curriculum Development Grant in the subject line.
- **Applications due February 28th**

Successful applicants will be notified of their awards by **March 15th** and funds must be spent **by August 14th, 2017**. Failure to use funds by this date may result in the loss of award.

Grantees are also expected to write a brief post-report (1-2 pages) describing how activities undertaken during the grant period impacted their courses and are also asked to provide updated syllabi for impacted courses.

Note on Allowable Expenses

U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant funds may be used to pay for airfare, gas mileage, lodging, and the purchase of class room materials (i.e. books, films, teaching collections, etc.). All international travel must comply with the Fly America Act. Failure to comply may result in the loss of grant funds. Food and alcohol are NOT allowable expenses, nor are salaries. Please contact CLACS Associate Director, Kasia Szremski at szremski@illinois.edu with any questions.