



## 2017 - CALL FOR TRILATERAL INITIATIVES IN EMERGING REGIONS (T.I.E.R)

**DEADLINE- JUNE 30, 2017**

### 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 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. Carnegie Mellon, 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](mailto: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 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, empirical and methodological facets, the relevance of transatlantic collaboration in the field and the project's potential for encouraging future endeavors between the institutions. Please also mention if the project intends to attract external funding.
4. Detailed budget (one page) detailing the budget of the project with amounts specified by category (travel, accommodation, catering etc.) and 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.

Please submit complete application to [alliance@columbia.edu](mailto:alliance@columbia.edu) .

#### **REVIEW PROCESS:**

Applications are assessed by external reviewers in their disciplines.

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 addition to the broader research interest of applicants' departments and research centers but also the strong potential for further collaboration.

**Results will be announced by the end of 2017.**

#### 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 within one year from the date of the first expenses.

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

**Acknowledgement:** When recipients receive external grants based on the Alliance seed grant, they are expected to acknowledge the support of the “Alliance Program T.I.E.R Grant” in any papers, publications or resumes and 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 that will travel internationally within an Alliance granted project will 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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