

Call for Proposals – Harriman Russian Studies Research Grant

The Harriman Institute at Columbia University invites proposals for research in Russian Studies.

Since the Soviet collapse, Russia has remained under-researched and under-privileged within the U.S. academy. Many factors have contributed to this state of affairs: the decline of the perceived geopolitical importance of Russia; the displacement of Russian studies with scholarly research on non-Russian former Soviet Republics (Ukraine, Caucasus, Central Asia); a significant reduction of Cold War-era funding streams; the disciplinary privileging, in the social sciences, of methods and theory construction over regional knowledge; and changes within the university that have privileged “global studies” and institutional partnerships over regional studies.

The current state of U.S.-Russia relations magnifies these gaps and shortcomings. The Harriman Institute is deeply committed to building upon its substantial record of Russia-related research in the social sciences, but it also is determined to innovate new projects and spearhead the broadening of interest in Russia among faculty and graduate students at Columbia who might not otherwise engage with the country.

The Harriman Russian Studies Research Grant competition is open to all tenured or tenure-track professors, Core Lecturers, and current PhD students (ABD) at Columbia. Russia-related experience is not a prerequisite and proposals could span across the social sciences broadly defined, including comparative case research. Successful applicants will receive a \$3,000 - \$5,000 research allowance. These funds may be used to support research or to hire a graduate student or advanced undergraduate to provide research assistance. Research proposals that develop new connections and/or research partnerships with scholars and institutions in Russia are especially welcome.

Eligibility

Tenured or tenure-track faculty, Core Lecturers, and current PhD students (working with a faculty member) in any discipline at Columbia University are eligible to apply.

Submission

Please submit your proposal, budget, and a full CV to Alla Rachkov, Associate Director of the Harriman Institute (ar2052@columbia.edu) on or before February 28, 2017. Awards will be announced by March 30, 2017.

Award

Successful applicants will receive a \$3,000 - \$5,000 research allowance to be used for their project.

Terms of Award

Successful research projects and their products (research papers, op-eds, and blog posts) will be featured on the Harriman Institute website, acknowledging the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.