

Call for Proposals – Harriman Curriculum Development Grant

Deadline Extended to Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The Harriman Institute at Columbia University invites proposals for the development of new curricular offerings on Russia in the Social Sciences.

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 and their research partners at Columbia who might not otherwise engage with the country.

The Harriman Curriculum Development 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 and teaching assistance. Successful applicants will commit to teaching the course within two years of the completion of the syllabus.

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, though the courses offered must be open to undergraduate and/or graduate students in the Arts & Sciences. Courses may be team-taught by instructors from different disciplines (e.g., Sociology and Political Science) or different schools (e.g., Journalism and Arts & Sciences). In the case of team-taught courses, the award will be split evenly between faculty members or given fully to the graduate student (ABD) co-instructor (minus \$500 for research costs for the faculty instructor).

Submission

Please submit your proposed course, a short 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.

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For PhD students: You may work with a faculty member to propose a team-taught course (see above).

Award

Successful applicants will receive a \$3,000 - \$5,000 research allowance to be used for development of the proposed course and the teaching of this course within two years of the completion of the syllabus.

Terms of Award

Awardees will commit to teaching the course within two years of the start date of the grant. The courses will be featured on the Harriman Institute website, acknowledging the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.