

Multilingual and Multicultural Intersections

Call for Collaborative Research Projects

Deadline to submit Letter of Intent: **March 16, 2018**

Deadline to submit **Draft Proposal**: **April 13, 2018**

Deadline to submit **Final Proposal**: **May 11, 2018**

Funding project period: 05/16/2018 - 06/30/2019

Collaborations across disciplines and across languages play a significant role in any possible structure at MSU. In order to foster a culture of collaboration, Christopher Long, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, has approved our request to provide seed money for additional innovative projects that foster collaborations across language sciences, literary studies, and cultural studies represented in LGSAAL, RCS and SLS.

ELIGIBILITY

These funds will be used to support up to three new projects that will strategically promote collaboration amongst faculty currently working in the disciplines mentioned above.

Projects that were funded in 2017-2018 are eligible for 50% of support. These applications shall provide evidence of potential matching funds provided by MSU (Provost's CIEG, Provost's LAP, Centers, etc.) or external-to-MSU sources (HWW, NEH, etc.)

Competitive proposals will be built on a collaboration of at least two faculty members representing different programs (different languages and/or different disciplines) from LGSAAL, RCS, SLS, and CeLTA and should reflect a substantial collaborative effort. At least one of the members of the project should be a tenure-system faculty member. Faculty from outside of these units may participate.

THEME: *Multilingual and Multicultural Intersections* with a focus on research, including scholarship of teaching and learning, linked to the area(s) in which the proposing faculty work.

Possible research areas of inquiry within this theme include but are not limited to:

Politics of Representation	Gender
Violence	Sexuality
Language learning	Literature and other arts
Language prejudice	Identity and Subjectivity
Migrations and Diaspora	

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. The projects selected shall be strategic in the sense that they will contribute to the future standing of MSU's research programs.
2. It is anticipated that the projects will provide examples of ways to establish future thematic areas that will position MSU on the forefront of scholarship in the broad area of *multicultural and multilingual intersections*.

3. Funded signature projects will lead to a significant and tangible research outcome and/or pedagogical outcomes.
4. Funded projects are expected to advance the future of the disciplinary areas represented in the above mentioned units and help create a culture of collaboration. Projects should emphasize innovative research activities that will lead to publication(s), external grant funding, and other products related to the disciplinary research of team members.

STEP 1: LETTER OF INTENT (due March 16, 2018)

To facilitate the development of proposals, the following steps shall be met:

1. Send a letter of intent to Associate Dean Bill Hart-Davidson (hartdav2@msu.edu) by 5:00 PM March 16, 2018.
2. The College of Arts and Letters will offer/facilitate a workshop to assist all individuals and potential teams that have express interest in their letter of intent. Attendance to this workshop is required.
3. As a follow-up of this workshop, a draft proposal will be sent to Associate Dean Bill Hart-Davidson (hartdav2@msu.edu) by 5:00 PM April 13, 2018.
4. After revisions, final proposals will be sent to Associate Dean Bill Hart-Davidson (hartdav2@msu.edu) by 5:00 PM May 11, 2018.

The Letter of Intent should include the following information:

- Proposed theme and how it relates to *Multilingual and Multicultural Intersections*.
- Innovative research activities that will lead to publication(s), external grant funding, and other products related to the disciplinary research of team members.
- If this is a follow up submission from a previous call/award (2017-2018), indicate MSU and/or non-MSU sources of matching funding.

STEP 2: FINAL PROPOSAL FORMAT (due May 11, 2018)

- Cover page (form attached)
- Abstract (100 words max)
- Project description (2 pages max, single spaced, 1-inch margins, 12 point font) that will explain:
 - The proposed theme and its inter- and/or cross-disciplinary significance.
 - Explanation of how the project develops and/or strengthens an environment of collaboration.
 - An account of how this funding will enable the proposed project.
 - A brief account of the expertise and areas of contribution of proposed team members.
 - A statement of outcomes (e.g., academic publications in peer-reviewed venues, external grant funding, academic event followed by web presence and/or academic publication; sustainable digital repositories).
- Budget (include separate pages as needed). Include brief justification for each budget item. Project costs (min \$5,000 - max \$8,000) may include:

- Hourly student wages (excluding fringe benefits). International graduate students may not be hired except for the summer sessions if they do not hold a graduate assistantship.
- Travel to research sites if it benefits the entire team (team archival work).
- On site-event-related expenses
- Project supplies, equipment, software, services
- The following may not be included in the budget. MSU policies prohibit the use of award funds for:
 - Graduate assistantships.
 - Hiring of graduate students (as defined above in the graduate student applicant eligibility section) by the principle investigator to perform study related work.
 - Course teaching “buyouts” or release time.
 - Gift cards
 - Use of means that are potentially coercive to recruit study subjects, including incentive payments to designated recruiters of study subjects.
 - Incentive payments to study subjects who live outside of the United States, its territories, and protectorates.
 - Attendance at multiple conferences to present research findings or payment of conference fees for multiple study collaborators, unless a detailed explanation is provided in the budget justification.
 - Carry-over of funds beyond **June 30, 2019** is not permitted.

TIMELINE

- Letters of Intent are due March 16 at 5:00 PM.
- Draft proposals are due April 13 at 5:00 PM.
- Send your proposals (all documents in one PDF) by email to Bill Hart-Davidson (hartdav1@msu.edu).
- Applicants selected to submit final proposal will be notified by email.
- Final proposals are due May 11 at 5:00 PM.
- Funding decisions will be announced by May 15, 2018.
- Project period to spend funds: 05/16/2018 - 06/30/2019.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- In addition to the submission of outcomes at the end of the funding period, funded faculty teams will participate in two public fora:
 - One forum shortly after the notification of funding;
 - One forum after the completion of their project.
- In the first forum, faculty teams will present their projects to LGSAAL, RCS, SLS, and CeLTA faculty with the goal of acquainting others of the scope and receiving feedback.
- In the second, each faculty team will present the status of their project, progress made up to that point, and anticipated outcomes.

COVER PAGE

Collaborative Projects Seed Funding

(Include this cover page for each of the three steps outlined above)

Project title:

Total amount requested:

Convener(s):

Name:

Rank:

Unit:

Email:

Additional team members:

Name:

Rank:

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