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EVENT PROGRAMMING GRANT FOR REGIONAL FACULTY COLLEAGUES AT CC/MSIs* 2017-18

DEADLINE: December 1, 2017

The University of Illinois European Union Center is pleased to offer funding for event programming on EU Studies for the period Academic Year 2017-18. This award is earmarked for Regional EU Studies faculty at Community Colleges (CCs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). The grant will be offered on a competitive basis in the amount of up to \$1,000**. Funds MUST be used by August 15th, 2018. This grant is made possible by a Title VI National Resource Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Preference will be given to applicants who are based at CC/MSIs who have made contributions to European/EU studies in the Midwest region, and who can demonstrate lack of other sources for the proposed project.

The main objective of this grant is to support programming pursuing contemporary EU-oriented topics that meet the highest standards of excellence and contribute significantly to the advancement of EU studies, transatlantic relations, and comparative EU-USA inquiry in the state of Illinois and beyond. In the past, similar grants have funded conferences, symposia, workshops, lecture series on EU issues of special relevance and timeliness, including EU enlargement; the transatlantic relationship; comparative educational structures; EU security and foreign policy; law and comparative constitutional development; business, finance, corporate governance, and economics; agro-environmental policies; immigration; minorities; civil society; gender; cultural identity; and others. We are very open to orientation and will be glad to consult with prospective applicants on how to craft a competitive proposal.

Grant funds are aimed at bringing in speakers and can be used for airfare, lodging, facility rental, honoraria, printing etc. Please note that any international travel must be approved by the US Dept. of Education 30 days in advance of a scheduled flight. Funds cannot be used for food, alcohol, or salary and fringe benefits.

Applications should include one copy of the following documents:

- Completed application form available at http://europe.illinois.edu/resources/faculty-funding;
- A one page project description;
- Project Budget;
- Brief Curriculum vitae;
- One letter of recommendation from the departmental chairperson.

Announcement of awards will be made by December 8, 2017.

All application materials must be submitted by no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, December 1, 2017. **Submit applications to:** European Union Center; 328 International Studies Building (MC-429) or via email to eucenter@illinois.edu.

For questions or concerns, please email us at eucenter@illinois.edu.

* Community Colleges (CCs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs); ** We expect to award one grant of up to \$1,000, but may modify the number and amounts of the awards if the applications so warrant.