

Call for Proposals:
Summer 2020 Course Development Grants for 2020-21 Area Studies Courses
DEADLINE: May 22, 2020

The European Union Center at the University of Illinois is pleased to offer summer funding to facilitate the transition to online teaching in the 2020-21 academic year. These grants are intended to foster improved online instruction on topics having to do with Europe, international studies, or the instruction of a language of Europe. Funds may be used to help faculty transition current courses to online formats for the next semester (as needed), as well as to sponsor the development of new online courses or online portions of hybrid courses, including through virtual exchange with partners abroad. Awards are earmarked for faculty at Community Colleges (CCs) and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) in Illinois or surrounding Midwestern states. Grants will be offered on a competitive basis in the amount of up to \$2,000*.

Funds **MUST** be used by August 15th, 2020. These grants are made possible by a Title VI National Resource Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the EU Center.

The funding will be paid as a one-time summer honorarium after the course development work is completed. Courses eligible for support must have significant content engaging with the study of Europe, European languages, or transatlantic/international affairs. Courses can be in any discipline. The call for proposals prioritizes courses that will be taught in Fall 2020.

At the end of the project awardees will be asked to provide a one-page summary of the work accomplished, and will be encouraged to share outcomes from the project with colleagues from other institutions, such as through the EU Center's annual EU Studies Regional Conference. Faculty who have not previously received funding from the EU Center are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applications will be reviewed beginning Tuesday, May 26, 2020 with a goal of issuing awards by June 1. Applications submitted after the deadline of Friday, May 22 may be considered depending on the number of initial applications.

If interested, please submit the following materials in one combined PDF to eucenter@illinois.edu by the deadline:

- A one page project description on your proposed online course;
- Brief curriculum vitae;
- Paragraph statement of how the grant would fill a need not supported by other available sources;
- Brief letter from the departmental chair in support of the project

Questions and concerns are welcome and may be directed to eucenter@illinois.edu.

* We expect to award three grants of up to \$2,000 each, but may modify the number and amounts of the awards if the applications so warrant.