

**U OF I FACULTY PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS  
2020-21**

**EXTENDED DEADLINE: February 5, 2021**

The European Union Center welcomes applications for EUC Professional Development Grants for the second half of AY 2020-21. This call continues the spirit of past calls to support research travel or to present a paper at an academic conference. Recognizing that such travel is not happening, we invite University of Illinois faculty to submit proposals for registration fees for conference presentations or for workshops that offer training directly relevant to their teaching and research at the university. We provide funding of up to \$500 for such participation, with the stipulation that it be completed by August 15, 2021. We expect to offer multiple awards in each category, depending in part on the individual amounts requested and awarded. This professional development grant is funded by our multi-year US Department of Education Title VI grant.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a grant from the EU Center before, whose particular projects involve an interest in European/EU studies, who are junior or at early stages in their career, and who can demonstrate lack of other sources for the proposed professional development. Topics of relevance to European or EU studies range widely from climate change, health sciences, and business, to the cultures, languages, and institutions of Europe. We particularly encourage applicants to consider ways in which their participation in this activity could contribute to the promotion of diversity, inclusion, and equity in teaching and research about Europe at the U of I.

Professional Development Grant recipients may be invited to present a brown bag talk in the EUC lecture series or share their research in other ways with the EUC community.

Applications can be found at: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/444289168>

You will be asked to upload the following information in the application:

- One single pdf or word document that includes: 1) name and date of conference, workshop or training; 2) expected benefits to your research; 3) registration fee amount; 4) documentation for proof of paper/presentation acceptance, if applicable; and 5) brief abstract or paper, if applicable.
- A brief and current curriculum vitae

Announcement of awards will be made by February 8, 2021.

All application materials must be submitted by no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, February 5, 2021.

For questions or concerns, please email us at [eucenter@illinois.edu](mailto:eucenter@illinois.edu).