

Call for Proposals:
Summer 2021 Course Development Grants for 2021-22 Area Studies Courses at
Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions

DEADLINE: May 21, 2021

The European Union Center at the University of Illinois is pleased to offer summer funding to support ongoing curricular innovation involving European studies in the 2021-22 academic year. These grants may support online, in-person, or hybrid 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, to support the development of new online, in-person, or 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 (read [here](#) about one profile of work on virtual exchange at community colleges, or [here](#) for a reflection by a faculty member at an HBCU supported in a past cycle). Grants will be offered on a competitive basis in the amount of up to \$2,000*.

Funds MUST be used by August 15, 2021. 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 2021. Proposals from faculty who have not received previously a course development grant from the EU Center will get priority consideration.

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.

Applications will be reviewed beginning Tuesday, May 25, 2021 with a goal of issuing awards by June 1. Applications submitted after the deadline of Friday, May 21 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:

- 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.