



LSE-Columbia University Funded Exchange of Teaching Faculty Scheme

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and Columbia University in the City of New York created a short-term teaching exchange of faculty in 2009/10 as part of their efforts to expand their institutional partnership¹. It is expected that the exchanges will normally occur between staff in complementary departments at the respective institutions.

Faculty participating in an exchange are not necessarily expected to deliver the same teaching load (including the central teaching requirement at Columbia University) vacated by their exchange partner, but their proposed teaching commitment must be one that enables substantial engagement with undergraduate and/or graduate students at the host institution and that meets a need in the host department.

The academic terms at Columbia University are Fall (September to December) and Spring (January to May). At LSE, the academic terms are Michaelmas (October to December), Lent (January to March) and Summer (April to July). Visits will normally be for a full term at the host institution.

Participants will receive funding to support travel, accommodation and other essential extra expenses in the host location. LSE staff visiting Columbia will be funded by LSE up to a level of £5,000. Columbia staff visiting LSE will be funded by Columbia up to \$8,000. All expenses will be paid subject to the stated ceiling in accordance with the financial regulations of the funding institution. Please note that neither institution will fund relief cover for teaching staff absent under this Scheme.

Faculty who receive funding under this Scheme will be required to provide a short (1-2 page) report within four weeks of the end of the exchange. The report should outline the contacts made, barriers overcome, successes achieved and an assessment of the Scheme, including any suggestions for improvement.

Funds are available for two faculty members from each institution to participate in teaching exchanges in the 2010-11 academic year.

¹ These exchanges will expand the range of existing partnership activities, which include joint research 'seed funds', formal PhD exchanges and collaboration on three double degrees. In addition, both LSE and Columbia are partners of the Global Public Policy Network, along with Sciences Po in Paris and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

To apply, interested faculty should establish a willing counterpart at the other institution and jointly prepare a short narrative explaining how the proposed exchange will meet the conditions of reciprocity and mutual benefit, and what wider institutional interests will be served. The joint proposal must be supported in principle by the relevant Head of Department at LSE and the relevant Department Chair at Columbia.

The deadline for applications for the 20010/11 session is: **14 July 2010**

Applications should be emailed to:

- Mark Maloney, LSE Head of Academic Partnerships, at m.maloney@lse.ac.uk, and
- Roxie Smith, Columbia Vice Provost at rrs20@columbia.edu.

The Pro-Director for Research and External Relations at LSE and the Provost at Columbia will determine which joint proposals will be funded.

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