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ALLIANCE CALLS FOR JOINT PROJECTS 2014-2015

Extended deadline: July 15th, 2013

Created in 2002, the Alliance Program is a transatlantic joint-venture between Columbia University, École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

The Alliance Calls for Joint Projects are intended to support and finance transatlantic projects of the highest quality, both in scientific research and collaborative teaching efforts, between faculty members of all disciplines within the Alliance network. The Calls for Joint Projects aim to promote new efforts in joint research proposal development, pilot research, collaborative teaching endeavors, and other activities in order to create new transatlantic collaborative initiatives.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, grants up to \$30,000 will be available for each of the two main categories: RESEARCH PROJECTS and INNOVATIVE CO-TEACHING INITIATIVES.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

■ ELIGIBILITY

- The Alliance Call for Joint Projects is open to full-time faculty members at Columbia University, École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Panthéon-Sorbonne University, in all disciplines.
- Projects must be presented jointly by at least one faculty member from Columbia University and one faculty member from any one of the three French institutions. Faculty members who do not have contacts within the network are welcome to seek guidance from the Alliance team to find a partner.
- Third parties may be part of the Joint Project team as long as the team includes at least one faculty member from Columbia University and at least one faculty member from any one of the three French institutions.

■ PROPOSALS MAY INCLUDE

⇒ 1) JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Thematic doctoral workshops with students and faculty members from both institutions
- Joint conferences, seminars
- Travel allowances for faculty wishing to spend significant time at a partner institution as part of an on-going research or collaborative publishing project.
- None of the above: if applying teams have ideas that conform to the overall objectives of the Alliance Joint Research Projects Grant.

⇒ 2) INNOVATIVE CO-TEACHING INITIATIVES

- Teaching using digital tools
- Teaching mobilizing cognitive positions little used in traditional pedagogy
- Any teaching reinventing and challenging traditional methods

Preference will be given to projects which aim the promotion of sustainable links between departments or schools in the Alliance network.



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■ REVIEW PROCESS

- Applications are assessed by external reviewers in their disciplines.
- The evaluation will take into account the academic quality of the project and relevance of pedagogical innovation, the relevance of the transatlantic partnership, the coherence and the consistence of the budget, the consistency of the team and its addition to the broader research interest of applicants' departments and research centers but also the strong potential for further collaboration.
- Results will be announced in October 2013.

■ APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Applications should be sent in English only, to Lauranne BARDIN : lb2808@columbia.edu, by **July 15th, 2013**.

■ PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Cover page** including the project title, e-mail, telephone number and affiliation of each principal investigator.
- **Abstract** outlining the joint project in a one-paragraph summary suitable for public reports, publicity materials, and the Alliance website.
- **Narrative :**

⇒ *For Research Projects (5 pages maximum):*

Describe the research question, theoretical foundations, existing literature, empirical and methodological facets, the relevance of transatlantic collaboration in the field and the project's potential for encouraging future endeavors between the two institutions. Please also mention if the project intends to attract external funding.

⇒ *For Co-Teaching initiatives (2 pages maximum):*

Describe the course methods, format, and goals, the benefit derived from intellectual collaboration, and the innovative characteristics of the proposal. Please also provide a draft syllabus.

- **Detailed budget** (one page) detailing the budget of the joint project with amounts specified by Category (travel, hosting, catering etc.) and a provisional timeline. Please note that the Joint Projects Grant will not cover salaries.
- **Curriculum vitae** of project investigators.
- **Letter of intent** signed by both French and American principal investigators. The letter can be co-signed and emailed separately (See template on last page of this document).



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■ REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **Project timeline** — The first project-related expenses should be incurred within one year of the date of award. All expenses and activities should be incurred within one year from the date of the first expenses.
- **Progress reports** — Recipients must report every six months on the activities to which the grant is being applied and on the progress toward obtaining external support for the project.
- **Acknowledgement** — When recipients receive external grants based on the Alliance seed grant, they are expected to acknowledge the support of the “*Alliance Program Joint Projects Grant*” in any papers, publications or resumes and to provide the Alliance team with copies of these papers and publications.
- **Payment of the grant** — The grant will only be awarded after submission of original receipts for all expenses. The funds will then be transferred to the concerned departments at Columbia University to process the reimbursement.

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Joint Letter of Intent, Call for Joint Project, Columbia-Paris Alliance Program

Date:

To the Director of the Alliance Program,

Please find enclosed our proposal for the « 2014-2015 Alliance Call for Joint Projects » entitled:

“ ”

The proposal spells out the planned interactive collaboration in the aim of submitting a joint grant proposal to “ ”.

We are committed to pursuing the described activities, to completing them in the required deadline and to adhering to the use of funds described in the budget.

Sincerely,
