

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: COURSE DEVELOPMENT STIPENDS FOR RUSSIA, EASTERN EUROPE, AND EURASIA

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Education, six Title VI National Resource Centers plan to award stipends to faculty at community colleges and minority-serving institutions to develop and incorporate greater content about Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia into the curricula of the institutions at which they teach. These National Resource Centers (NRCs) receive grants under the Higher Education Act to train specialists and to work with other postsecondary institutions to expand Russian, East European, and Eurasian content in the classroom.

Faculty at community colleges and minority-serving institutions throughout the U.S. are invited to apply for a course development stipend. Awards will be from \$1,000-\$3,000. All full-time, regular part-time, and adjunct faculty are encouraged to apply. Applicants can propose to redesign an existing course or to develop a new course including at least 25% content on Russia, Eastern Europe, and/or Eurasia. Funds will be made available to awardees in the form of a subaward to their home institution that can be used to cover research related travel, off-duty/additional pay and benefits, curriculum and research purchases, or consultation with a faculty member from a participating NRC. Awardees can also access the library of one participating NRC during the funding period. To be eligible as a minority-serving institution, the institution must be listed by the U.S. Department of Education as eligible for Title III and Title V for FY2016 (<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/ides/eligibility.html#el-inst>).

Those applications selected for funding will be given a subaward. Applicants should make sure that their home institution is prepared to accept a subaward for the amount of their application and follow any internal procedures for applying for external funding. Funds for compensation and travel will be made available following their home institution's system and policies.

Interested faculty should submit an online application (found at <https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/curriculum-development-stipends>) by **Friday, January 5, 2018** for consideration. Award notifications will be sent out by **February 1, 2018**.

Participating Centers:

Indiana U., [Inner Asian & Uralic National Resource Center](#)

Indiana U., [Russian & East European Institute](#)

Ohio State U., [Center for Slavic & East European Studies](#)

U. of California, Berkeley, [Institute of Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies](#)

U. of Pittsburgh, [Center for Russian & East European Studies](#)

U. of Washington, [Ellison Center for Russian, East European, & Central Asian Studies](#)

For more information, please contact Eileen Kunkler (kunkler.10@osu.edu) at the Center for Slavic and East European Studies at Ohio State U.

Application Procedures

A complete application consists of:

- The **Online Application Form** (<https://slaviccenter.osu.edu/curriculum-development-stipends>);
- **Course statement** (uploaded as part of Online Application Form);
- **Itemized budget** with departmental/office of research approval (uploaded as part of Online Application Form);
- **C.V.** (uploaded as part of Online Application Form); and
- **Letter of support** emailed to Eileen Kunkler, kunkler.10@osu.edu.

Course Statement

Please attach a detailed, one-page description of the course you are proposing to create or redesign.

For proposals to redesign a course, include information on the current course (topics covered and disciplinary perspective), the modifications you are proposing to make the course have 25% or more content about Eastern Europe/Eurasia, how the course will fit in with other courses at the institution, what student population the course will serve (will it meet a general education or other requirement), and what work and materials you will need to undertake to redesign the course. This can include purchasing materials for research to redesign the course or curriculum resources for the classroom, off-duty/additional pay to cover costs of conducting the work, and/or travel for conferences, workshops, consultations, or other professional development opportunities.

For proposals to create a new course, include how the course will have 25% or more content about Eastern Europe/Eurasia and fit in with other offerings at the institution, topics covered and disciplinary perspective, what student population the course will serve (will it meet a general education or other program requirement), and what work and materials you will need to design the course. This can include purchasing materials for research or curriculum resources for the classroom, off-duty/additional pay to cover costs of conducting the work, and/or travel for conferences, workshops, consultations, or other professional development opportunities.

The committee is looking for proposals that will clearly lead to students with a greater understanding of Eastern Europe and Eurasia at institutions that will be able to sustain the course. Applying faculty do not need to specialize in these regions but should demonstrate a commitment to greater engagement in learning and research about them.

Letter of Support

In addition to the online application form, a letter of support on original letterhead from your department chair and/or curriculum committee should be emailed to Eileen Kunkler, kunkler.10@osu.edu, by **Friday, January 5, 2018** that addresses: 1) the intent to redesign a course or develop a new one; 2) that there is relevant support and/or infrastructure to support this course beyond the original curriculum development funds provided here; 3) that this course will be taught on a regular basis at the institution; 4) how this course will enhance international curricula at the institution; and 5) that the home institution and department are willing to accept a subaward and administer it.

Documentation

We envision that applicants will work on preparing the proposed course during winter, spring, and summer 2018. To demonstrate the final product, we request that the new or revised syllabus be provided to us no later than Wednesday, August 1, 2018 (email to kunkler.10@osu.edu). Additionally, we will contact you in the future as the new course is offered to gather basic enrollment figures.

Applicable Countries

Albania	Kazakhstan	Russia (including Tatarstan)
Armenia	Kosovo	Serbia
Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Latvia	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Tajikistan
Croatia	Macedonia	Tatarstan
Czech Republic	Moldova	Turkey
Estonia	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Greece	Montenegro	Ukraine
Georgia	Poland	Uzbekistan
Hungary	Romania	