



THE GLOBAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (GPPN) COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS 2009 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Created in 2006, the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) is a non-profit international joint venture of Columbia University, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore and Sciences Po in Paris. The mission of the GPPN is to address the most pressing public policy challenges of the 21st century and, as a result, to have policy impact, to be influential in public policy education and training, and to be innovative in teaching and research.

The Collaborative Research Grant Programme and annual Call for Proposals is intended to promote collaborative research projects of the highest quality. Projects examining some dimension of a contemporary policy debate of global relevance and addressing an urgent social issue are strongly encouraged.

The objectives of the GPPN Research Grant Programme are:

- To encourage scholarly collaboration amongst GPPN member institutions.
- To initiate and support advanced scholarly research in policy-related disciplines (as broadly defined) with a multi-regional or global context.
- To produce high quality empirical case studies on recent developments in challenging policy areas, such as sustainable development, food safety, intellectual property rights, the provision of social services, market regulation, and other related topics.
- To promote dissemination of research results to the international academic community as well as among policy-related professionals and practitioners. This includes the translation of research into more accessible formats so that it can be more effectively disseminated and enable greater public engagement with it in at least two geographical locations. In this respect, projects do not necessarily need to involve the development of original research.

Up to two projects will be funded per year with a maximum limit of **UK £20,000 per project**. Where non-GPPN member institution faculty form part of a successful bid, their institution will be required to fund a proportional share of the project costs.

If all funds are not distributed to proposals accepted in the first round of selection, another call for proposals may be issued later in the year.

GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility

All projects must include collaborators from at least two GPPN member institutions, i.e. Columbia University, LSE, the National University of Singapore and Sciences Po. Individual projects without a collaborative dimension as described above will not be considered.

Applications are invited from all disciplines, and multi-disciplinary projects are strongly encouraged.

2. Deadlines and Decisions

The deadline for this application is **Tuesday 30 June 2009**. The GPPN Secretariat will communicate the results as soon as possible and normally no later than Friday 31 July 2009.

3. Selection Procedure

An independent review panel consisting of one faculty member from each of the four GPPN partner institutions will select the recipients of the grants. Key criteria in the selection of proposals for support include:

- The extent to which GPPN Research Grant Programme objectives will be met;
- The potential for the development of longer-term collaborations among the participants;
- The potential for grant monies to serve as 'seed funding' for a potentially larger project;

4. Application procedure

A completed application, submitted in English only, must include the following documentation, in the order listed below:

- a) A letter of intent signed by the project coordinator in each participating institution indicating their commitment to work together and to observe the proposed time table for activities and expenditures. Where the project involves faculty from a non-GPPN member institution, the letter should also confirm that this institution (or a third party) is prepared to fund a proportional share of the project costs. This letter should not exceed one page.
- b) The names and institutional affiliations of the project coordinators. A curriculum vitae of each project coordinator. It is essential that applicants supply an email address to which all related correspondence can be sent.
- c) A summary of the proposed research and objectives, including a timetable for completion. The applicants should indicate the significance of the research in terms of scientific knowledge and the nature of the research methods within the applicants' fields, and the nature and the impact of the collaboration proposed, both in scientific terms and institutionally. This summary should not exceed three pages.
- d) A detailed budget giving a breakdown of the budget requested from the GPPN (to a maximum of **£20,000** by category (airfares, lodging, etc.) and including details of other sources of funding (potential and actual). Please note that funds from this grant may not be used for salary or salary supplements of the applicants. Where other sources of funding have already been identified, the relationship between the GPPN funding and the third-party funding should be clearly explained; where third-party funding has not yet been secured, the proposal must make clear whether the project is still viable if such funds are not successfully secured.

The application should be submitted either:

(i) by email to gppn@lse.ac.uk. The email must contain the relevant file(s) only. Where possible, the entire application should be supplied as a single Microsoft Word file.

or

(ii) by post to:

Global Public Policy Network Secretariat
c/o Academic Partnerships Office
London School of Economics and Political Science
Room V910, Tower 2
Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE
United Kingdom

5. Obligations

- a) All projects must be initiated within one year of the date of award, and completed - or be substantially underway - within one year of the date of initiation. Any revisions to the schedule for completion outlined in the initial proposal must be authorised by the GPPN Secretariat.
- b) Grant-holders will be required to deliver a final report following completion of the project for publication on the GPPN website.
- c) The GPPN requests that all recipients build into their budgets funding to cover travel expenses to present their findings (or interim findings) at a future GPPN conference. All publications (articles, books, case studies, conference programs, web sites, and course syllabi, etc.) must refer to the support provided by the GPPN.

For more information about the Collaborative Research Grant Programme, please email: gppn@lse.ac.uk

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