



THE GLOBAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (GPPN) COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS 2008-2009 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Created in 2006, the GPPN is a non-profit international joint venture of Columbia University, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore and Sciences Po in Paris. The GPPN is aimed at fostering globally-oriented research and education in the field of public affairs. Each member of the GPPN has developed an innovative MPA program and has organized a set of Dual Degrees with other member institutions. The GPPN also launched in June 2006 a joint venture with Peking University to offer Executive Public Policy Training Program for mid-career government officials primarily from the People's Republic of China.

The Collaborative Research Grant Program and annual Call for Proposals is intended to promote collaborative research projects of the highest quality, **with a specific focus on policy making and governance in the context of globalization**. 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 Program are :

- To initiate and support advanced scholarly research on governance and policy making.
- To produce high quality empirical case studies on recent developments in challenging policy areas (such as sustainable development, sanitation standards and 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 professionals and practitioners associated with policy.
- To encourage scholarly collaboration within the GPPN network and to create new links between scholars at GPPN Institutions and scholars at other academic institutions.

Up to two projects will be funded per year with a maximum limit of US \$ 30,000 per project. If all funds are not distributed to proposals accepted in the first round of selection, another call for proposals will be issued later in the year.

GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility

The Call for Projects is open to full-time faculty from the GPPN member institutions (Columbia University, The London School of Economics and Political Science, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS and Sciences Po) and may include collaborators from other institutions. All projects must include collaborators from at least two institutions, and at least one of those institutions must be one of the GPPN members listed above. Individual projects with no 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 Friday, October 10th, 2008. The GPPN secretariat will communicate the results by Tuesday, October 21st, 2008.

3. Selection Procedure

An independent review panel consisting of four experts from the partner universities will select the recipients of the grants. The potential for the creation of co-authored publications and for development of longer-term collaborations among the participants will be key criteria in the selection of proposals for support. Projects that foster new collaborations will receive priority over ongoing projects and existing collaborations.

4. Obligations

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 (see below) should be authorized by the GPPN secretariat.

Grant-holders will be reimbursed as follows: requests for reimbursement of all expenses associated with the joint project should be submitted following Columbia University Business Expense reporting procedures. All forms for reimbursements must be completed by the grant recipients as outlined in the grant award.

The GPPN requires grantees to deliver a final report following completion of the project, and requests that all recipients build into their budgets funding to cover travel expenses to present their findings (or interim findings) at the GPPN 2009 annual conference. All publications (articles, books, case studies, conference programs, web sites, and course syllabi, etc.) must refer to the support provided by the GPPN.

5. Application procedure

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

A letter of intent signed by both project coordinators (at least one being from a GPPN institution) indicating their commitment to work together and to observe the proposed time table for activities and expenditures, not to exceed one page.

The names and institutional affiliations of the project coordinators. A curriculum vitae of each project coordinator.

Summary of the proposed research and objectives, including a timetable for completion, not to exceed three pages. 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.

A detailed budget-giving a breakdown of the budget request by category (airfares, lodging, etc.) and details of other sources of funding (potential and actual). 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 that the project is still viable if such funds are not successfully secured.

The application will be submitted to:

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