



Arizona State University (ASU), in collaboration with the University of Prishtina (UP) and its Office of Research and Sponsored Projects,

invites you to apply for a

“Research Proposal Seed Grant”

Introduction

With funding from World Learning, Inc. and USAID-Kosovo’s Transformational Leadership Project (TLP), Arizona State University is pleased to offer up to ten (10) seed grants of \$1,000 each to support competitive research proposal preparation by UP faculty members. The purpose of the seed grant awards is to advance applied research at the University of Prishtina by increasing the number and quality of UP research proposals submitted for external grant funding. During the current academic year, the UP Rectorate has established a new Office of Research and Sponsored Projects to assist with institutional submission of competitive grant proposals. The current seed grant competition is part of this major institutional effort to increase sponsored research support for UP faculty members. Recipients of the seed grant awards will be expected over the course of the summer of 2017 to prepare a competitive research proposal ready for submission to an international or domestic sponsor.

The Arizona State University TLP project team will be assisting seed grant recipients at each stage of the process, including hands-on review of all draft proposals and budgets. At the conclusion of the proposal preparation stage, there will be an October weekend workshop for all seed grant awardees at which time final proposals will be presented and evaluated. The UP Office of Research and Sponsored Projects will continue thereafter to assist with institutional submission of all project proposals.

Eligibility

All UP faculty members, including graduate assistants, are eligible to apply for the \$1000 seed grant award. Applicants must either be eligible to serve as the primary investigator (PI) on a sponsored research project, or must identify in their application who will be serving in that PI capacity. Because most proposals will ultimately be submitted to an international sponsoring agency, seed grant applications and the actual research grant proposals should be prepared in English.



Seed Grant Selection Criteria

All seed grant applications will be evaluated on the merits of the applications including the effectiveness in articulating the research problem and in identifying potential international or domestic sponsors to whom the proposal is likely to be submitted. Finalists will also be interviewed, and the results of that oral interview will also be included in the overall evaluation. The ASU TLP project team has been closely involved with development at the University of Prishtina of innovative curriculum in the field of renewable energy and sustainability. But, for this seed grant competition, other fields of inquiry will be given equal consideration. The goal is to fund the ten best, most promising research seed grant applicants.

Requirements of All Seed Grant Recipients

In connection with the primary goal of increasing the number and quality of research proposals submitted for external funding, all seed grant recipients will be required to prepare a formal research proposal that addresses the application criteria of a specific international or domestic funding agency to which the proposal will ultimately be submitted. The completed research proposals will be due on October 1, 2017, in advance of a follow-on funded fall weekend workshop for all seed grant awardees. Awardees will be required to attend that workshop where they will make a formal presentation of their research proposal.

Deadlines for Receipt of Completed Seed Grant Applications

The accompanying two-page application form must be completed, signed, and submitted, along with an attached CV, by the receipt deadline of Monday, June 5, 2017. All applications should be submitted electronically to melikiancenter@asu.edu. Interviews with finalists will be held on Tuesday, June 6. An initial payment of \$500 will follow announcement of the awards, with a follow-on payment of \$500 to be provided upon completion of the research proposal on October 1.

Assistance in Preparing Your Seed Grant Application

There will be an informational session for all potential seed grant applicants on Thursday, June 1, 2017, sponsored jointly by the UP Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. That session will address “Preparation of Competitive Research Grant Proposals,” but will also respond to last-minute questions that you may have about the application process. The “Preparation” session will be held in **third floor conference room of the UP Education Faculty**. In the meantime, if you have questions about this seed grant competition, please feel free to contact either Professor Shahin Berisha (berisha@gatewaycc.edu) or Professor Stephen Batalden (stephen.batalden@asu.edu).

Application Form
ASU TLP Summer Seed Grants for Research Proposal Preparation

Note: Please complete this two-page form, sign, and attach a current CV. Return the completed form and your CV to melikiancenter@asu.edu by Monday, June 5, 2017.

Personal Information

Name (FAMILY, First):

Phone:

Email Address:

UP Faculty Affiliation:

Title of Current position:

My field of specialization:

Language Skills in English (elementary, intermediate, advanced):

Title of Your Proposed Research Proposal/Project:

Use the box below to submit a brief statement (150 words or less) identifying the precise research problem for which you intend to prepare a research proposal and for which you seek external research funding. How did you become interested in this field, and how does it fit with your wider research efforts to date?

In the space below, identify one or more possible sponsoring agency(ies) where you believe your research proposal could potentially be funded. Please indicate in each case a) the name of the potential sponsoring agency or agencies; b) the kinds of proposals they typically fund; and c) why you think your proposal is likely to be competitive at this sponsor or at these sponsors. You do not need to have had any prior contact with the sponsoring agencies, but we are interested in any advance work you may have been able to do in identifying potential international or domestic sponsors for your proposed research.

If you are applying as a graduate assistant and do not intend to be the primary investigator (PI) on the proposed research, please identify who will serve as the PI (include title of person, faculty home, and research interest).

Signature:

I agree to the terms outlined above and wish to be considered for research seed grant funding. In that connection, if awarded one of the ASU TLP seed grants, I will submit the required complete research proposal by October 1, 2017. I will also be able to participate in the follow-on weekend seminar in Prizren for all seed grant awardees where I will present my research proposal.

Signature

Date