CGEP Faculty Grants Program: Academic Year 2016-17

Applications are now being accepted for the CGEP Faculty Grant Program for 2016-17. Grants will be awarded to support faculty research and public policy analysis focused on topics relevant to the Center’s mission. This includes policy-relevant work on economic, geopolitical, technical, institutional and environmental issues related to the production and consumption of energy. Funding will be available from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2016.

Research Grants
CGEP will award up to $50,000 for 2016-17 in grants for faculty research support. These grants are designed to support projects pursuing policy related research. The Faculty Grants Committee will give priority to policy-relevant research that is likely to make a substantive contribution to the relevant field. CGEP encourages collaborative interdisciplinary research proposals, as well as collaborations between early career and mid/later career investigators. Collaboration is also encouraged with CGEP scholars and affiliated faculty. Preference will be given to projects that involve SIPA faculty.

The maximum award for a CGEP Faculty Research Grant is expected to be about $10,000, although the award committee may, if appropriate, make awards larger than $10,000.

Award Process
Grants will be awarded by the Faculty Grants Committee; the committee’s members are Jason Bordoff (Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs and Director, Center on Global Energy Policy, SIPA); Steve Cohen (Professor in the Practice of Public Affairs, SIPA and Executive Director, Columbia University’s Earth Institute); Scott Barrett (Lenfest-Earth Institute Professor of Natural Resource Economics, Columbia SIPA); Vijay Modi (Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University); and Amb. Stephen Sestanovich (Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Professor for the Practice of International Diplomacy, SIPA). The committee may consult relevant experts as required.

Funding from the award process will be available from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. In special circumstances, the award committee may make the award for a longer period. After the grant award deadline, unused funds will be returned to the CGEP Faculty Grant Program; on rare occasion, the CGEP Faculty Grants Committee may approve an extension. No funds from any of these grant programs may be used for faculty compensation.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria: intellectual merit and innovation of the proposed project, quality of project organization, and plausibility of timeline. The award committee will give priority consideration to policy-relevant work and research likely to make a substantive contribution to the relevant field.

Reporting and Output Requirements
Recipients of an award from the CGEP Faculty Grant Program agree to the following:

- At 3-months - a progress report of 2 pages describing work to date and next steps.
- At 6-months - a progress report of 2 pages describing work to date and next steps.
- At 9 months - Delivery of final draft report text (including all charts, graphs and tables in excel), no less than 20 pages, to be reviewed, edited and produced via the Center’s publication process and released as a public product under the Center’s branding [See Appendix A for details].
- By 12 months – A brief output describing the findings of the research and their policy relevance. This could take the form of an op-ed, blog post, factsheet, info-graphic, etc.
- To present their findings at a Faculty Roundtable organized by the Center.
Additionally, recipients are required to submit within 30 days of the conclusion of the award period copies of any other materials resulting from the project [excel files, PPT decks, fact-sheets, etc], and a financial report.

Submitting a Proposal
Full-time faculty with multi-year or renewable appointments at Columbia University are eligible to apply for the CGEP faculty grant program. Part-time faculty can help develop and play significant roles in projects, but applications must be submitted by a full-time faculty member. Post-doctoral fellows appointed at Columbia University are eligible to apply if the proposed work can be completed within the duration of their post-doctoral appointment. Individual Columbia University faculty members may submit one proposal. Individual faculty members may hold no more than one grant from the CGEP grant program at any one time. Preference will be given to projects that involve SIPA faculty.

The proposal instructions and templates are included with this email.

Completed proposals should be emailed to energypolicy@columbia.edu by 11:59 p.m. ET on May 15, 2016. The results of the competition will be announced in June.
Appendix A: Center on Global Energy Policy Publication Process

Upon submission of the final draft report text at the 9-month mark, the document will enter into the Center’s publication process that includes the following steps:

1. **Review and comment by the Center’s Research Committee.** Grant recipients will incorporate or address any feedback from this step before moving on to step 2.
2. **Review and comment by 3-5 external experts with direct knowledge of the specific grant topic.** The grant recipients will help identify external experts as well as incorporate or address any feedback from this step before moving on to step 3.
3. **Edited by Center’s Director of Research Publications, fact checking by Center research assistants.** The grant recipient will review edits to ensure a well-structured paper that targets the desired audience. Grant recipient will address any concerns brought up in the fact checking process.
4. **Final Production.** The Center will move the reviewed, finalized text into production including copy-editing and layout. Grant recipient will address any final questions raised during this process, if needed.