The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies
Title VI NRC Grant 2022-2026 Request for Proposals
(Deadline Extended to October 1, 2021)

Application Information

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, along with our consortium partner, East Asian Studies Center at Indiana University, intend to submit a joint application to the U.S. Department of Education under Title VI as a National Resource Center in East Asian Studies for the AY 2022-2026 period.

We would like to invite our faculty affiliates and department/unit partners to submit proposals related to East Asian Studies research, teaching, and outreach. We especially welcome those that are interdisciplinary or inter-professional, linking faculty and students from across campus in collaborative partnerships. Funding requests should typically not exceed $20,000 over the four-year cycle of the Department of Education funding period. While the Department of Education has not formally specified the priorities for the 2022-2026 Title VI competition, the current grant cycle have emphasized the following priorities:

- East Asian language training and innovative approaches to language teaching and development
- Engagement with professional schools, community colleges, and minority-serving institutions
- Fostering and supporting a K-12 pipeline of foreign languages and East Asian studies expertise for teachers and students
- Diversity and engagement with under-represented minorities
- Educational, strategic, and economic partnerships with East Asian countries

Projects Considered

Proposals should reflect an interdisciplinary or inter-professional approach, encompassing one or more of the following activities:

- Research and program activities addressing policy issues and global concerns affecting East Asia and U.S.-Asia Relations (including, but not limited to security, trade, energy, health, migration, technology, education, and environment)
- Development of new courses, degrees, minors, concentrations, certificates or their revision to incorporate East Asian Studies or perspectives at graduate and undergraduate levels (including online/video conferencing courses, study abroad/international service learning, RA/TA support, faculty line seed funding, and summer salaries)
- Campus event programming (lecture, symposium, conference, film series, etc.) in support of East Asian language and area studies teaching and research
• Outreach activities (K-12 educators/students, community colleges, government, business, media, and general public)
• Development of educational, strategic, and economic partnerships with East Asian countries
• Collaborative projects with other institutions including, but not limited to other universities, corporations, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies

What cannot be funded under the Title VI Grant: Alcohol and food; direct support for research; student travel (faculty travel in support of course development, program development, and new campus linkages is allowable); travel preparation (visa, passport, medication, clothing, cell phone usage, etc.)

(Note: International faculty travel is allowable only with prior approval from the US Department of Education and compliance with government regulations.)

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- Adherence to the priorities outlined in this RFP;
- Expected outcomes and lasting impact on students, faculty, outreach community, as well as field of study;
- Sustainability of project, following the grant period;
- Potential for leveraging internal or external resources;
- Cross-unit and college collaboration
- Appropriateness of the budget and dissemination plans

Proposal Submission and Notification

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies must receive proposals by October 1, 2021 for full consideration. Proposals should be submitted online using the online application available at https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/783135167.

Each proposal should include:

1. Proposal narrative in Word or PDF format (Please include a. goals and rationale, b. implementation plan and timeline, c. outcomes and/or deliverables, and d. plans for dissemination.)
2. Budget in Excel format (Please specify expenditures over one or more years of the grant period, August 15, 2022 - August 14, 2026 and include funding from other sources.)
3. Curricula vitae of project leaders in Word or PDF

The advisory board will assist the Director in selecting proposals to be included in the CEAPS Title VI NRC application. Project leaders of the selected proposals will be notified prior to full proposal submission in Spring 2022. Funding is contingent on the successful renewal of CEAPS' Title VI NRC grant for the upcoming 2022-2026 cycle.

For further guidance or questions, please contact: Misumi Sadler, Director, at sadlerm@illinois.edu or Yuchia Chang, Associate Director, at yuchia@illinois.edu.