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UISFL Program Purpose

- Strengthens undergraduate instruction in international studies and foreign languages at institutions of higher education or non-profit education organizations.
- Develops and expands language, area studies, and international studies programs and curricula on campuses with limited resources.
- Must have both an international studies and a foreign language component.



UISFL Program

- Many Community Colleges apply for and receive funding under the UISFL program
- In Fiscal Year 2016, 8 of the 33 IHEs receiving funds were Community Colleges



UISFL Competition Priorities: FY 2018

The FY 2018 UISFL competition priorities are
yet to be determined.



Past UISFL Competition Priorities

(FY 2016)

The FY 2016 UISFL competition featured two competitive priorities and two invitational priorities.

These are *subject to change for FY 2018*.

- Competitive Preference Priorities:
 - MSIs & Community Colleges
 - Institutional Foreign Language Requirement
- Invitational Priorities:
 - Priority Languages
 - Developing Interdisciplinary Curriculum
- Number of Institutional Awards made for FY 2016: 33
- Average FY 2016 Institutional Award: \$85,507



UISFL Eligible Applicants

- Institutions of Higher Education
- Consortia of Institutions of Higher Education
- Partnerships between Nonprofit Educational Organizations and Institutions of Higher Education
- Public and Private Nonprofit Agencies and Organizations, including Professional and Scholarly Associations



UISFL Application Selection Criteria

- All Applications
 - Maximum Score (including competitive preference priorities) *(105 points)*
 - Evaluation Plan *(20 points)*
 - Plan of Operation *(15 points)*
 - Quality of Key Personnel *(10 points)*
 - Budget and Cost Effectiveness *(10 points)*
 - Adequacy of Resources *(5 points)*



UISFL Application Selection Criteria

- Applications from IHEs, Consortia, or Partnerships
 - Commitment to International Studies *(15 points)*
 - Elements of the Proposed International Studies *(10 points)*
 - Need for and Prospective Results of the Proposed Program *(15 points)*



UISFL Application Selection Criteria

- Applications from Public and Private Nonprofit Agencies and Organizations, including Professional and Scholarly Associations
 - Need for and Potential Impact of the Proposed Project in Improving International Studies and the Study of Foreign Language at the Undergraduate Level *(40 points)*



UISFL Allowable Activities

- Curriculum Development
- Faculty Development
- Research
- Internships/Study Abroad
- Professional Development
- Partnerships/Collaborations



UISFL Grant Administration

- Allowable Activities
- Budgets
- Travel



Application Tips

- Review abstracts of funded grantees and past successful proposals
- Contact funded grantees for information and assistance
- Develop linkages internally and externally
- Review FAQs on Web site
- Designate a management team with international and grants experience
- Identify your institution or department's needs/wants
- Request letters of support (United States and abroad)
- Review Federal Register and program Web sites for updated information
- Contact Program Officer



Writing Your Proposal

- Address all Selection Criteria in the order listed in the application packet – don't make readers search for information
- Provide a detailed plan of operation and evaluation
- Include sufficient details so someone unfamiliar with your project could conduct it
- Write clear, measurable goals, objectives, and outcomes
- Provide a specific and detailed budget
- Avoid grammatical errors or specific professional jargon/acronyms
- Use persuasive descriptions of how your project operates
- Remember: you must convince the panel so think from a panelist perspective as to what you would be looking for; be clear and concise



Submitting Your Application

- Register on the www.Grants.gov online system early to avoid any system issues
- Back up/save your written proposal to avoid any computer issues
- If your institution is not funded, consult the reviewers' comments and reapply
- **DO NOT wait until the last minute to submit!**



Award Notification

- Formally via written mail, informally via e-mail
- Scores and comments sent to all applicants via mail
- For successful grantees, be prepared to “hit the ground running”



Websites for More Information

Electronic grant application submission

<http://www.grants.gov>

Panel reviewer application submission

<http://www.g5.gov>

Subscribe to IFLE listserv

www.ed.gov/ope/iegps, click on "Subscribe to IFLE Newsletter"

Grant making at ED

<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>



Proposed UISFL Timeline

- FY 2018 Competition is contingent upon availability of funds
- Stay tuned to our website
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsugisf/index.html>



Links to Legislation

- [Program Legislation: Title VI, Part A, Section 602\(a\) and \(b\) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended](#)
- International Education Programs General Provisions: [34 CFR 655](#)
- UISFL Regulations: [34 CFR 669](#)
- 20 U.S.C. Section [1123](#)
- [Education Department General Administrative Regulations \(EDGAR\)](#)



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Q&A