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CENTRAL ASIA UNIVERSITY
PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM



Application Deadline: Monday 02 Dec 2019 11:59 PM U.S. Eastern Time

Grant Overview and Eligibility

U.S.-Kazakhstan University Partnerships Grants Program

Purpose of Grants

Funded by the U.S. Mission to Kazakhstan, the U.S.-Kazakhstan University Partnerships Grants Program builds capacity for substantive international engagement between higher education institutions in the United States and Kazakhstan. The goal of the project is to support seven projects led by U.S. community colleges and other higher education institutions that focus on any area of university administration or field of study, and four partnerships that lead to improved teacher training and curriculum development for English language teachers, including projects that will develop STEM teachers' English skills to prepare them to teach in English-medium classrooms. These projects will support Kazakhstan's efforts to develop a trilingual education system.

Grants will be awarded to U.S. community colleges and higher education institutions to establish partnerships that sustainably advance collaboration between U.S. and Kazakhstani higher education institutions. Administered by American Councils for International Education (American Councils), these grants are designed to jointly enhance curricula, deliver improved faculty engagement and educational outcomes, and facilitate joint research and other projects in Kazakhstan and the United States. Awards may support travel for faculty and technical experts, honoraria, materials, and conference fees for projects in the U.S. and Kazakhstan that advance the following program goals to:

1. Enhance teacher preparation, teaching methodology, and pre-service teacher training, to support English language teaching and learning in Kazakhstan, including STEM;
2. Modernize content, pedagogy and/or curriculum for programs of study such as agribusiness, commercialization of research, emergency preparedness and response, entrepreneurship, environment and air quality, hospitality management and tourism, IT, STEM and Innovation;
3. Build Kazakhstan's administrative capacity to increase and maintain international collaboration with community colleges, colleges and universities; and
4. Support faculty/administrative collaboration and research that is impactful and sustainable beyond the life of the grant.

Eligibility

U.S. faculty members and administrators are eligible to apply for partnership awards. Projects that advance current U.S.-Kazakhstan university connections or establish new partnerships, particularly in regions outside of Almaty and Nur-Sultan, are encouraged. Projects may involve a consortium of two or more Kazakhstani institutions.

Awards

Seven individual grants to accomplish any or all four goals will be awarded up to \$20,000, and four grants to accomplish the first goal will be awarded up to \$39,600. All grants are awarded to U.S. higher education institutions. U.S. higher education institutions may submit more than one proposal, but no U.S. higher education institution will receive more than one award. Awards are expected to begin in January 2020 and must be completed by September 30, 2020.

Criteria for Evaluation

American Councils will notify applicants on awards by December 23, 2019. American Councils will evaluate applications based on:

1. Project concept
2. Personnel
3. Impact and sustainability
4. Budget

Additional Information

You can download a sample application form and budget template or get additional information from <https://unicen.americancouncils.org>.

For questions about this program, contact Adrian Erlinger, Program Manager, Innovation and Capacity Building at: aerlinger@americancouncils.org

About the U.S. Partner Applicant

U.S. Partner University

University Name

Primary Contact

Your Name:

First Name Middle Name Last Name

School Department

Job Title

Mailing Address

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2 (optional):

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Primary Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Telephone(s)

Telephone Number Telephone Type

1 Primary Alternate

About the Kazakhstan Partner

Kazakhstan Partner University

University Name

Primary Contact

Kazakhstan Contact's Name:

First/Given Name

Middle Name/Patronymic

Last/Family Name

School Department

Job Title

Primary Email

Alternate Email

Telephone(s)

Telephone Number Telephone Type

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About the Proposal

Title of Project

Area(s) of Proposed Activity

- Adapt pedagogy and curriculum for improved student outcomes, especially for English language education
- Adapt policies, practices, and administrative structures for English language education

- Support faculty research for broader economic impact
- Increase student exchanges, especially with U.S. community colleges

Project Start Date

Project End Date

Proposal Information: Project Concept

Present the activities, outcomes, and objectives for the proposed project. Describe the relevance and significance of the proposed project and how it will advance partnership between your institution and a Kazakhstani partner. Provide the planned project timeline and how deliverables will be met. Be sure to describe how the project meets the areas of proposed activity (adapt pedagogy and curriculum for improved student outcomes, especially for English language education; adapt policies, practices, and administrative structures for English language education; support faculty research for broader economic impact; increase student exchanges) to support partnerships with U.S. community colleges and/or English and STEM education.

Proposal Information: Personnel

Explain the background of the key personnel, including relative international activity and/or its relevance to broader international initiatives at your institution. Define the responsibilities of the U.S. and Kazakhstani personnel involved in the project.

Proposal Information: Impact and Sustainability

Describe the broad impact of the project, plans for monitoring activities, sharing outcomes or end products, and sustainability of follow-on activities after the project's end. Describe how the project will contribute to substantive international engagement and strengthen partnerships in higher education between the U.S. and Kazakhstan, and/or contribute to English education and STEM fields.

Budget

Using the budget template (download the Microsoft Excel file below), prepare a tabular budget with specific line items for the project (e.g., airfare, lodging and per diem, ground transportation, visa fees, materials, honoraria, and conference fees). Cost-share from the U.S. and Kazakhstani institutions is encouraged, and preference will be given to proposals that reduce or waive indirect costs. Include a brief narrative justification of each budget item in the template.

For more information about allowable expenses, consult the U.S. Department of State, Office of Allowances, Foreign Per Diem Rates by Location (https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp)

[Download Budget Template](#)

[Upload Budget Spreadsheet](#)

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Letter of Support

Include a brief, one(1)-page letter of support from the Kazakhstani partner(s) to indicate commitment and support for the project. The letter should reference the proposed project and Kazakhstani point of contact.

[Upload Letter of Support](#)

Supplemental Documentation

Upload Supplemental Items

Review, Certify, and Submit

Certification

Please read this statement and indicate your certification below:

I certify that:

- I completed this application;
- Everything in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge; and
- I understand that my application is in no way an offer or a guarantee of an offer for a Central Asia University Partnership Program grant.

Certified by: