

Created in 1989, the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA) is dedicated to the improvement of graduate education in international affairs.

APSIA brings together leading graduate schools around the world which specialize in international affairs. We strengthen our members and affiliates by gathering information and sharing ideas. APSIA seeks to help students, schools, organizations, and partners transform into more effective agents of positive change.

In order to deepen ties within the APSIA family, we started a small grant fund for pre-tenure and recently-tenured faculty at APSIA members and affiliates.

# Who may apply?

Faculty at an APSIA member or affiliate in good standing<sup>1</sup> who

• Are tenure-track, but pre-tenure

OR

• Received tenure within the last three years may apply.

## What projects qualify for funding?

APSIA seeks to invest in projects which foster collaboration within the APSIA network. There are many ways to foster collaboration; applicants have a great deal of flexibility to put forward ideas that meet this goal.

Example projects include efforts to advance collaborative teaching; to create joint courses or course materials; to meet with co-authors or potential co-authors; to learn best practices from another APSIA institution; to attend conferences (such as those hosted by a member or affiliate); and similar opportunities. APSIA is also interested in finding opportunities to build connections during the pandemic.

Activities which bring faculty together across national borders will receive preference, but proposals for collaboration within a nation will be considered.

In all things, APSIA seeks to improve graduate education in international affairs and thereby advance international understanding, prosperity, peace, and security through the people and ideas shaped by our schools.

### **How much will be awarded?**

We expect to make multiple awards of US\$3,000-\$7,500 each. However, we are open to proposals for other amounts up to US\$15,000. APSIA will award a total of US\$15,000 each fiscal year.<sup>2</sup>

#### How do I submit an application?

The application can be downloaded <u>here</u>. If you have difficulty downloading the form, please email <u>apsia@apsia.org</u>.

All questions must be answered and answered within the word limits for the application to be considered complete. Text beyond the word limits will not be read.

Applicants must include a letter of support from their APSIA institution. In the case of multiple institutions, a letter of support from the primary institution is sufficient.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a list of APSIA members and affiliates, please visit <a href="www.apsia.org/graduate-schools-programs/">www.apsia.org/graduate-schools-programs/</a>; good standing includes payment of annual dues.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  The APSIA fiscal year runs between June 1 and May 31.



# The 2020-21 application deadline is November 13, 2020.

Application forms and letters of support should be emailed together in one message to APSIA Executive Director Carmen Mezzera at <a href="mailto:carmen@apsia.org">carmen@apsia.org</a>. The email should be entitled APSIA Faculty Fund Proposal\_LastName. Please do not send forms and letters of support separately.

## What is the evaluation process?

A committee of APSIA representatives will evaluate eligible proposals for how well they may foster collaboration within the APSIA network and advance APSIA's mission.

Afterwards, recipients must submit a brief report (written, video, or through another medium) to the APSIA Executive Director within 30 days of the completion of the project. Reports should explain what the recipient(s) did, how the experience did/did not advance collaboration within the APSIA network, and lessons learned from the experience.

### **Questions?**

Please contact APSIA Executive Director Carmen Mezzera at <a href="mailto:apsia@apsia.org">apsia@apsia.org</a>.