CELSS Seed Grants for Untenured Faculty

The Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences (CELSS) announces a call for proposals projects targeted to untenured faculty members for seed grants for experimental projects. This call is targeted to studies conducted online. For in-person studies, please contact CELSS’ manager and director (celss-manager@columbia.edu and celss-director@columbia.edu). Such studies are severely restricted at the moment.

Eligibility
Applicants must be untenured faculty at Barnard Economics or at Columbia in Economics, Political Science, SIPA, the Business School, Sociology or in a department affiliated with ISERP.

Application
The deadline for responding to this call is January 22, 2021. Later applications may be considered on a rolling basis, depending on funds’ availability. Applications will be evaluated competitively by a committee of referees.

The application must include (separate documents in a compressed folder): (1) the proposal; (2) the budget (i.e. a summary table with a clear description of how the available budget would be spent on participant payment, fees, etc.); (3) the applicant’s CV; (4) a statement detailing additional sources of funding for the project.

The proposal should outline briefly the question under study, the experimental procedures, and the reasons why the project is expected to result into a broader research program and outside grant. Its maximum length is 2,000 words, excluding bibliography.

The maximum budget is $3,000. Exceptions to the $3,000 limit can be requested but must be strongly motivated and have low probability of acceptance.

The explicit involvement of one or more graduate students, identified by name, will be considered an asset to the proposal.

The applicant should submit the items mentioned above in electronic form in a single compressed folder, and send the application to the CELSS director, at celss-director@columbia.edu. The title of the e-mail should be “Application for CELSS Funding” and the name of the compressed folder should be “LastnameFirstname_CelssFundingApp”.

Note:
1. Unless part of a class, any experiment run on CELSS’ subject pool or with financial support from CELSS requires approval by the Institutional Review Board (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/irb/) and the respect of CELSS rules (https://celss.iserp.columbia.edu/research-projects/rules).
2. The funding allocation expires at the end of the second semester following the grant (here: May 2022). Unused funds will be reappropriated by CELSS.

Requests for clarification
Questions concerning this call for proposal and the use of the lab can be addressed to the CELSS manager, at celss-manager@columbia.edu, or to the CELSS director at celss-director@columbia.edu.