Armenian Center at Columbia University

Research Grant Application

In keeping with the mission of the Armenian Center at Columbia University, its board has established a modest research grant fund to support scholarly and creative endeavors that advance Armenian studies in its many forms, including the social sciences, the humanities, and the arts.

Name and contact information:

Title of the proposed project:

Abstract of the project (250 words):

Proposal:

1. **Significance and contribution**

State the project's thesis or claim and provide an overview, explaining the basic ideas, problems, or questions examined by the study. Describe the intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to Armenian studies and general audiences. Explain how the project will complement, challenge, or expand relevant existing studies in the field.

2. **Organization, concepts, and methods**

Explain how your proposed research will help you resolve the problems or questions you are examining. Describe the theoretical framework of your argument and explain how your proposed research will advance it. Explain your concepts, methods, and your terminology. Describe and discuss your sources.

Indicate the current state of the project and the part or stage of it that will be supported by the research grant. Identify any data your project will generate or collect and, if relevant, describe how you will address public access, privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, and other rights or requirements.

3. **Competencies, skills, and access**

Explain your competence or background in the area of your project. If the area of inquiry is new to you, explain your reasons for working in it and your qualifications to do so. Identify any institutional or foundation support you have received or expect to receive for your project. Describe where the study will be conducted and what research materials will be used. If relevant, specify the arrangements for access to Columbia University archives, collections, or institutes/centers that contain the necessary resources.

4. **Work plan**

Provide a work plan describing what will be accomplished during the grant period of performance including where you will be and how you will spend your time. If you do not anticipate finishing the entire project during this period, discuss your plan for doing so.

5. **Final product and dissemination**

Describe the project's intended results and how it will benefit the intended audience(s). What is the nature of the final product (e.g., book, article, digital product, performance, artwork)? The expectation is for you to present the results of your research to an audience at Columbia University at a time that is mutually convenient.

A. **Curriculum vitae**

B. **Short Bibliography**

C. **Budget**

Grants will be made up to $10,000. Please provide a budget which specifies what the grant funds will be spent on (e.g., travel, books, stipend, other).

Awards are made on a continuing basis. Send your application in a Word document or PDF to: cuarmeniancenter@gmail.com

Review Criteria

1. The intellectual significance of the proposed project, including its value to Armenian studies and related scholarship, to general audiences, or both.

2. The quality of the conception, definition, organization, and description of the intellectual aspects of the project and the applicant's clarity of expression.

3. The feasibility and appropriateness of the proposed plan of work.

4. The likelihood that the applicant will complete the project, including, when relevant, the soundness of the dissemination and access plans, including likelihood of publication.

5. What, if any, is the project's relationship to Columbia University and its academic resources and activities.