

Lenfest Junior Faculty Development Grants 2016-17 Fall 2016 - Program Description

Application deadline: November 28, 2016

Lenfest Junior Faculty Development Grants, established in 2015, are designed to provide additional financial support to Junior Faculty who do not have significant other sources of current funding to help complete projects to meet the expectations for tenure. Untenured associate and assistant tenure-track professors, who are not being reviewed for tenure in the current academic year, are eligible to apply.

Grants may be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to the following:

- Workshop for a book manuscript
- Subvention funds to support publication
- Travel / honorarium / etc. for senior faculty or potential referees from other universities to visit Columbia (this could include organizing a talk).
- Attending an academic conference to promote one's visibility
- Hosting a research symposium or seminar group
- Visiting libraries or research archives
- Launching a research project for which regular funding is not available

Applications may be made for amounts in the range of \$1,000 - \$15,000. Several awards will be made each year to Junior Faculty across all Arts & Sciences departments.

The Divisional Deans will review the applications and announcement of the award recipients will be made before the start of the spring term.

Considerations used in evaluation of the applications include:

Strength of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the project have value in creating a record to obtain tenure?• Is the project important?• Has the applicant clearly articulated the scope and purpose of the project and its relationship to the applicant's overall research plan?
Funding Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the candidate in need of support?• Does the particular discipline have few support opportunities?
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the proposed budget reasonable?• Considering the cost of the project compared to the benefit to the applicant's career advancement, is this a good use of funds?

Each application must include:

1. **A completed application cover sheet** which includes details about/specifies other sources of funding that will contribute to the project, as well as funds available from the applicant's department.
2. **A brief project description and justification (~500 words)**. This should include a clear rationale for how these funds will advance the applicant on the route to tenure.
3. **A budget justification** for the requested funds.
4. **A curriculum vitae (CV)**.