Transatlantic Mobility Program
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2019

$10,000 to $20,000 in grants to support U.S. study abroad programs in France.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
In May 2014 the U.S. Department of State and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated their support towards Franco-American student mobility through a joint declaration which led to the Transatlantic Friendship & Mobility Initiative. This joint declaration aims to strengthen the historic ties between the United States and France by diversifying and doubling the number of students from France and the United States studying abroad in both countries by 2025. Together with APLU and NAFSA, the Cultural Service and Science Service of the Embassy of France in the U.S. launch the Transatlantic Mobility Program with the aim to provide grants to colleges and universities which prioritize student mobility.

U.S. colleges and universities must play an essential role by establishing the necessary institutional partnerships, fostering research collaboration, integrating study abroad into degree programs, designing programs for nontraditional students, and developing cost-effective opportunities for all. The most competitive proposals will demonstrate how limited resources can effectively mobilize the greatest number of U.S. students to study abroad in France.

PROJECTS FOR CURRENT GRANT CYCLE

- The institution submits a proposal by the May 8th 2019.
- To qualify for these funds, applicants will be asked to enact policy or programmatic changes on campus that encourage greater participation in study abroad
- Proposals must be focused on study opportunities abroad
- The jury composed by the Cultural and Scientific Services at the French Embassy in the United States, together with NAFSA, will meet and decide on June 12th.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Eligible programs must:

- Be U.S. colleges and universities with existing programs with France that are able to be expanded
- New programs will be considered, if they have direct impact on study abroad numbers without requiring significant up-front administrative costs.
- Never have received funds from the Transatlantic Mobility Program.

The Embassy of France, in consultation with APLU and NAFSA, will select 6 to 8 U.S. college and university partners from a qualified pool of applicants.

EXPECTED RESULTS
U.S. institutions that are successful in implementing these grants will demonstrate increased capacity to develop and administer study abroad programs that send U.S. students to France. Institutions are expected to:

- Work towards long-term partnerships with French institutions.
- Acquire a new model to engage students in the United States and France.
- Demonstrate an increase in the number of effective partnerships between U.S. and French universities beyond what would have taken place without a grant.

RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT
Selected institutions will be publicly recognized in the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States website as part of the “Transatlantic Mobility Program”. Institutions will also be expected to publicize the support of the Embassy of France and its higher education programs.

TIMELINE
April 1st 2019. Project proposal opens.
June 17th 2019. Decisions announced to candidates.
July 2019. Funds are delivered.

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