Current CLALS Emphasis for PAG/ISG Awards
Effective Spring 2013; Revised September 2014

Based on discussion from the December 2013 CLALS meeting, it was agreed to limit the focus of Professional Activity Grants (PAGS) and Institutional Support Grants (ISG). We are in a climate of increased pressures from the University for research centers to generate external funding, and as a result we must make a concerted effort to direct our limited resources toward projects that increase the visibility of the center, and to the extent possible, increase the likelihood of external funding.

In the long run, we will need to revisit and revise the Center’s policy regarding these awards. In the short term, the members who attended the December meeting made some decisions about ways to target the funds available for Spring 2013 and thereafter, working within the current policy.

The PAG/ISG committee will prioritize the following types of proposals:
- Proposals to support preparation of grant proposals for research/scholarship that directly benefits the Center and/or is consistent with the Center’s mission.
- Proposals to support the production/publication of products (e.g., books, articles, creative projects) that give substantial and explicit credit to the Center.
- In order to encourage mentoring of graduate and undergraduate students, up to one combined proposal (PAG + MAST) each semester to support conference travel for a faculty member and a student; priority will be given to mentors-mentees presenting co-authored work.

The following types of proposals will be given lower priority:
- Except as noted above, proposals to support conference travel (traditionally this has been the focus of most PAG awards).
- Student ISG proposals will not be accepted.