



ETHNOGRAPHY OF THE UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE

Request for Proposals 2009–2010

The Ethnography of the University Initiative (EUI, <http://www.eui.uiuc.edu>) invites proposals from faculty interested in teaching EUI-affiliated courses for the 2009–2010 or 2010–2011 academic year (EUI courses are capped at 25). Since its inception in 2003, EUI has provided an innovative approach to teaching and learning focused on promoting student research on universities and colleges. In EUI-affiliated courses students use a variety of ethnographic and archival methods to examine the university's various institutional identities and commitments and to study higher education institutions against a broad array of social and political forces. Students in EUI-affiliated courses work through an online classroom environment (Moodle) to record the research process and findings and at the end of the semester have the opportunity to contribute their work to the growing digital archives of student research (IDEALS <https://www.ideals.uiuc.edu/handle/2142/755>). Through sponsored coursework, workshops, customized web environments, IRB permissions, and a bi-annual student conference, EUI helps faculty from varying disciplinary and methodological backgrounds incorporate student research on the universities and colleges into their courses. Faculty may propose to modify an existing course or develop a new course that will include an EUI component.

Funding

Support for EUI course development will be awarded primarily in the form of summer salary or research account funding in the amount of \$350. We will also request matching funds from the departments of participating faculty.

Requirements

1. Participation in an all-day workshop to be held Saturday, May 2, 2009. In order to accomplish the goals of EUI across the various disciplines on our campus, this workshop will introduce faculty to:
 - Past EUI courses and teaching strategies;
 - Ethnographic methodologies;
 - Web-based collaborative research tools to encourage and promote student inquiry (Moodle and IDEALS);
 - Library resources that have been developed specifically for EUI work (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/rex/instruction/eui/index.htm>) and the Student Life and Cultures Archives (<http://web.library.uiuc.edu/ahx/slc/>);
 - EUI's approved Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol.
2. Participation in an August pre-semester meeting the year you teach. For 2009-10, the meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18th 2-5pm.

3. Participation in two EUI meetings during the semester you teach your EUI-affiliated course: a faculty meeting and the EUI Student Conference at which students present their research.

Criteria for Selection

Successful course proposals will explain briefly how the proposed course offering will contribute to the goals of the EUI initiative. The significance of the proposed course will be measured in a number of ways, including the likelihood that a course, once taught, will be offered again on a regular basis, and that courses in all categories—modified or new—will feature at least 30% of course credit tied directly to students' EUI activities. The projected frequency of future offerings should be specified, as should the nature and volume of course work related to EUI.

Application

Each applicant should submit the following:

1. A circa 2-page double-spaced narrative that describes the faculty member's interest in EUI and the course to be linked to EUI (where applicable, feel free to include the existing course syllabus);
2. A statement of commitment to (a) attend summer orientation meetings (the May 2, 2009 meeting is mandatory for all applicants as is the August 18th meeting for those planning to teach in 2009-10) and EUI faculty and student presentation meetings during the semester of teaching, and (b) comply with the human subjects and intellectual property protocols approved for EUI (applicants from other colleges or universities may need IRB approval from their home institutions as well);
3. A letter of support from the executive officer of the applicant's primary department that: (a) indicates the department's agreement to have the EUI course or section(s) taught; (b) specifies the semester (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, or Spring 2011) in which the course will be offered; and (c) affirms limiting the size of the course to 25 students or fewer. The letter can be very simple: stating only the designated course, semester, and size.
4. A brief academic biography (one paragraph will do).

Completed applications must be submitted, and letters of support should arrive, by Wednesday, April 1, 2008. Awards will be announced by April 10, 2008. Send all materials by e-mail attachment to **eui-info@uiuc.edu**

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