CamPo Collaborative Research Grants Scheme

Purpose of the Grant
The University of Cambridge-Sciences Po (CamPo) Collaborative Research Grants Scheme is designed to provide seed funding to early-state collaborations between the institutions, to build the basis for new research initiatives which can lead to larger-scale opportunities/collaboration in the future. The scheme is intended to cover academic disciplines in social sciences, arts and humanities.

Activities supported
The funding will be used to seed early-state collaborations and other activities, including:
- Workshops, lectures, symposia and conferences
- Research visits (visits from/to both institutions)
- Joint research collaborations and travel grants
- Visiting professorships (short or mid-term) at both Sciences Po and Cambridge

Eligible costs include:
- Accommodation and travel
- Direct costs of conferences, workshops and seminars for Cambridge and Sciences Po colleagues
- Direct costs of research projects (including researcher salaries)

Ineligible costs:
- Salaries of tenured staff, other stipends and indirect costs
- Accommodation and travel for external delegates to conferences, workshops, seminars.

A total budget of approximately £40k per call is available (£20k from each institution) for all funded projects. Cambridge and Sciences Po will each fund the expenditure incurred at their respective institutions, based on the budgets approved within each call.

Applicants are also able to pledge match-funding of their own in order to maximise scale, and/or to seek additional support through external funding.

Eligibility
For Cambridge applicants
Applications are invited from researchers active in the arts, humanities and social sciences who hold a contract of employment with either the University or the Colleges (i.e. CTO, JRF and postdocs are eligible, but not visiting or affiliated researchers). Emeritus staff are not eligible to apply.

Awards may only be held via a Faculty or Department. Staff applying from a College or other independent institution will be asked to indicate in their application which Faculty or Department they are affiliated to.

For Sciences Po applicants
Applications are invited from the permanent faculty staff of Sciences Po, i.e. researchers from the CNRS or the FNSP, university professors and readers, and FNSP assistant, associate or full professors for all supported activities. Postdocs are also eligible. Emeritus staff are not eligible to apply.

How to apply
Cambridge and Sciences Po applicants are invited to submit proposals via email in the form of a single pdf document to Dr Chris Bickerton at cb799@cam.ac.uk

Each proposal may be submitted by either the Cambridge or Sciences Po partner, but must have partners from both institutions in all cases. The application form requires applicants to:

1) provide a project description which includes the intellectual rationale, objectives, plan of activities and outline budget in no more than 1,000 words (excluding budget).
2) include CVs for the main applicants from both institutions (limit of 2 pages per CV).
3) For projects in which a visit is foreseen, agreement letter of support on behalf of the Director of the concerned research unit or relevant Head of Department/Faculty is required.

The deadline for applications is 1st March 2020

An application form will be circulated along with these notes. For anyone wishing a copy of the application form, they can also email directly Dr Chris Bickerton at cb799@cam.ac.uk

Selection process and criteria
The institutions are especially interested to fund projects that:
- are likely to make an original contribution to their specific academic field;
- make the case for the strategic importance or added academic value of the collaboration;
- enhance the international programming aspirations of home departments;
- establish a foundation for future collaboration;
- emphasize new connections and collaborations (rather than fund already established partnerships);
- show how the collaboration might be sustained and developed beyond the term of the seed funding;
- provide a budget that is reasonable and appropriate to the scope and duration of the project.

A committee comprising Sciences Po and Cambridge members will jointly determine which projects will be funded.

Timeline
The next deadline for applications is 1st March 2020. Notification of outcomes will be made by early March with funding available thereafter. Funds must be spent by 31 December 2020.

Reporting
As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a brief report (up to 1 side of A4) on the outcomes of the project and the extent to which the specific aims/outputs have been achieved, along with a statement of expenditure. Reports are due within thirty days of the end-date proposed in the original application.

Any queries relating to the scheme or the application process should be referred to cb799@cam.ac.uk and aurelien.krejbich@sciencespo.fr or centreeurope.daie@sciencespo.fr