Columbia School Linguistic Society

Research Fellowship

Request for invited proposals (RFP) for the 2020-2021 academic year

April 2020

For the coming 2020-2021 academic year the Columbia School Linguistic Society (henceforth the Society) is only considering fellowship applications from (a) currently funded fellows who are continuing with their projects, and (b) new fellows recommended by a member of the Society. Society members can recommend themselves. You have received this RFP because you’ve been invited to apply by a member of the Society.

The successful applicant for the invitational Research Fellowship (the new Fellow) will undertake a linguistic research project from the perspective of Columbia School linguistics (CS) usually under the guidance of a Mentor who is a member of the Society. The Mentor must be a member of the Society. The research project undertaken by the Fellow will address a grammatical, lexical, or phonological problem of the Fellow’s choice.

The new Fellow will receive a stipend of between $5,000 to $10,000 for the period covering from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. The Fellow’s stipend is calculated on the basis of a 12-month calendar year. Assuming satisfactory progress in the judgment of the Society’s Executive Committee, stipend payments will be made on a quarterly basis by the Society. The Fellowship includes paid membership in the Society. After the fellowship is successfully completed, Fellows may apply for continuing support, for either the same or a new topic, by submitting a new full proposal.

The application consists of statements relating to the analytical problem, existing analyses if any, and details on the progress the analyst has made to date. The application is not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages written in 12-point font.

The application should include the applicant’s CV, email address, and the name of the applicant's institution.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is May 31, 2020. Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Society’s Executive Committee, assisted by such additional reviewers as they may deem appropriate. The Society will make every effort to notify applicants by the end of June 2020. The application must be submitted
electronically to Professor Ricardo Otheguy of the City University of New York. His email address is rotheguy@gc.cuny.edu.

Requirements of the Fellowship

The Fellow is expected to be an active supporter of the Society in all activities pursuant to its mission.

The Fellow is expected to actively seek out the Mentor during the year of the Fellowship, consulting with the Mentor on a regular basis on all aspects of the project.

The Fellow is expected to participate on a regular basis in the bi-monthly Society Seminar.

The Fellow is invited to be the lead presenter in one of these seminars in the Fall and one in the Spring. The presentations may take up all or half of Seminar time. These presentations should be devoted to analysis of work-in-progress and consultation with Seminar members.

The Fellow is expected to provide a written year-end progress report detailing the state of the analysis at the end of the Fellowship period. The report should be presented in the format of an academic paper suitable for publication. It should be prepared following standard academic format relying on the LSA style sheet, and submitted to Professor Otheguy at the electronic address given above. The report is due by a date to be determined by the Executive Committee for continuation funding, or by August 31, 2021.

Either during or after the Fellowship period, the Fellow is expected to make every effort to publish results in a recognized academic venue. Publications resulting from the Fellowship should acknowledge the support of the Society and copies should be sent to members of the Society's Executive Committee.