Columbia School Linguistic Society

Research Fellowship
Request for new proposals for the 2021-2022 academic year

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For the coming 2022-2023 academic year the Columbia School Linguistic Society (henceforth the Society) is considering fellowship proposals. Applicants do not have to be members of the Society, but applicants for the research fellowship are strongly encouraged to have a mentor who is a member of the Society. Scholars who don’t yet have a Columbia School mentor are also invited to apply.

The successful applicant for the fellowship (the fellow) will develop a linguistic research project that addresses a grammatical, lexical, or phonological problem of the fellow’s choice, under the guidance of a mentor who is a member of the Society. The fellowship is intended for studies that adhere to the general characteristics of a Diverian Columbia School analysis. Accordingly, funded projects will address observable facts of distribution. Grammatical analyses will include or be working toward an explicit hypothesis about a signal, as well as explicitly formulated links between the hypothesized meaning, the distribution of the hypothesized signal, and the range of messages associated with the signal.

The new fellow will receive a stipend for the period covering from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Awards start at US$5,000 and are calculated on the basis of a 12-month calendar year.

Assuming satisfactory progress in the judgment of the mentor and of the Society’s Executive Committee, stipend payments will be made on a quarterly basis by the Society. Each fellow is expected to submit a report, in the form of either a proposal for continued funding, or a final report at the conclusion of the fellowship year. Final reports should be submitted to the Society’s program manager no later than December 1, 2023. The fellowship includes paid membership in the Society for 2022 and 2023.

Fellowship Requirements

Fellowship awards include requirements for both fellow and mentors.

In addition to the requirements mentioned above, the fellow is expected to:

- be an active supporter of the Society in activities pursuant to its mission;
- take the initiative to actively seek out the mentor during the time of the fellowship and to consult with the mentor on a regular basis on all aspects of the project;
● participate in at least two small proseminars each year, to include their mentor and at least two other invited Society members, chosen by the fellow in consultation with their mentor;

● attend the bi-monthly Society Seminar on a regular basis, reflecting a commitment to offer support to the Seminar scholarly community and to the presenters at Seminar;

● work, during and/or after the fellowship period, to present the results of the research at professional conferences and to publish results in a recognized academic venue;

● be the lead presenter in at least one Society Seminar during the 2022-2023 academic year, and to request, if desired, additional support;

● work, during and/or after the fellowship period, to present the results of the research at professional conferences and 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 the Society’s Program Manager.

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The mentor is expected to:

● support the fellow with regular meetings; to help the fellow organize the required pro-seminars; and to generally make sure that the requirements of the fellowship are fulfilled;

● support the fellow to work toward presenting their research at professional conferences and eventually publishing it in a recognized venue;

● attend the bi-monthly Society Seminar on a regular basis, reflecting a commitment to offer support not only to the mentor’s own fellow(s), but also to the Seminar scholarly community and to the presenters at Seminar.

Application

The application consists of:

● a research proposal that is a description of the analytical problem to be addressed as well as previous treatments in the literature, and details of any progress the analyst has made. The successful applicant will show that the project falls within the general characteristics of a CS analysis as described above. Mentors, if available, should review applications prior to submission;

● the applicant’s CV;

● a statement regarding the fellow’s professional plans
The deadline for receipt of proposals is **May 31, 2022**. 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 2022. The application, and accompanying documents must be submitted via the [Society’s Fellowship Application Form](#). More information about Columbia School linguistics can be found at [www.csling.org](http://www.csling.org). Questions may be addressed to the Society’s Program Manager at admin@csling.org