

IASSW Grants for Projects in Social Work Education, 2008

Final Submission Date for this Round of Bids is 31st of May 2008.

Call for proposals

IASSW invites proposals for projects, designed to advance social work education internationally. Grants of up to US \$4.000 are available for proposals that can be expected to contribute to the implementation of the IASSW Mission Statement, and to the enhancement of cooperation among schools of social work world-wide.

This is continuous aspect of IASSW activities but the final submission date for the next round of bids is 31st of May 2008.

Proposals should be sent by e-mail to: Helle.Strauss@dsh-k.dk with a copy to the IASSW office: aatnafu@aau.edu.et.

Guidelines for submissions and criteria for evaluation

In order to qualify for support, proposals will have to meet the following criteria:

1. The project can be expected to make a direct and meaningful contribution to at least one of the following areas:
 - 1.1 Curriculum development.
 - 1.2 Content of specific units, modules or courses.
 - 1.3 Field instruction.
 - 1.4 Teaching methods.
 - 1.5 Technology of instruction.
 - 1.6 Staff development.
 - 1.7 Administration of educational programs.
 - 1.8 Community involvement of staff and students.
 - 1.9 Policy of social work education.

2. The project has to be truly international, involving social work educators from minimally three schools in at least two countries with differing cultures or systems of social work education. The project should be expected to enhance international and cross-cultural collaboration, and may contribute to educational developments through the inclusion of schools of social work in countries where social work education is facing particular challenges.

3. The proposal is creative and innovative.
4. The proposal is clearly written, and presented in the following format:
 - 4.1 Title of Proposal.
 - 4.2 Names, affiliations and addresses of all participants. The coordinator, or contact person, should be identified.
 - 4.3 Rationale and purpose of the project (5-10 lines).
 - 4.4 Action plan, i.e. activities planned as part of the project (5-10 lines).
 - 4.5 Expected contribution and outcomes of the project (5-10 lines).
 - 4.6 Time table.
 - 4.7 Budget, specifying all expense items, as well as any expected income from other sources. Please note that the IASSW grant can be used only for direct (out of pocket) expenditures, not for salaries of the applicants or for administrative overhead.
 - 4.8 Short (5-7 lines) biographical sketches of the participants.

Eligibility Criteria

Only proposals submitted by members of IASSW will be considered and all participants in the proposed project must also be members of IASSW. Members of IASSW include faculty members of schools who have paid their dues in the preceding or current year. Individual members, who have paid their dues for the current year, may be considered at the discretion of the committee.

Review, notification of decisions and process in relation to successful applicants

Proposals will be reviewed by a Project Funding Committee consisting of members appointed by the Board of Directors of IASSW. The recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Executive Committee for ratification.

In the case of successful applications, grants will be paid as follows:

- 30% when the proposal has been approved, and the chair of the committee has been notified that the project is about to be implemented.
- 50% with the submission of an interim report.
- 20% after the submission of a final report.

Interim report

The interim report should include:

- An account of all the activities undertaken so far
- Outcomes of these activities
- Activities planned for the coming months.

The report is expected to have 1000 - 1500 words

Final Report

The final report should include:

- Rationale and purpose of the project
- Description of the process of implementation
- A discussion of outcomes and/or feedback to the project
- Conclusions. (The concluding sections should address the possibility of implementing the same project in other settings).

The final report is expected to be of 2.500 – 4.000 words and should be preceded by an executive summary (not more than 200 words). An account of expenditures should be appended to the report. Furthermore, one copy of any materials created as part of the project should be attached, and a link should be provided to materials available on the internet.

IASSW is expected to be mentioned in any publication based on funded projects.

The preferred method of communication is by email and material should be presented in a form which can be added to the IASSW website.

It is likely that consideration will be given to the new submissions at a meeting of the Committee at the IASSW Board Meeting in July 2008. Assuming this timing the designated contact persons will be notified of the committee's decision within about a month.

Please send reports and any other communications to: Helle.Strauss@dsh-k.dk with a copy to the IASSW office: aatnafu@aau.edu.et.

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