

**Linda Schulman Innovation Grants
Call for Proposals 2018-19
Proposals accepted as of January 1, 2018
Due Monday, March 26, 2018**

The Linda Schulman Innovation Fund welcomes proposals for the 2018-2019 school year for projects that promote English language learning and embody a spirit of creativity, sensitivity and community. We give grants of approximately \$1,000 for pedagogical plans that benefit English language learners by improving their language skills or increasing their understanding of American culture. Teachers of English as a Second Language in a preschool, K-12 school, college, or adult education program in the state of Massachusetts are encouraged to apply for these grants.

Your project proposal, current CV (résumé), and a letter of support from the principal or director of your school or program should be sent by email to info@lsi-award.org. Proposals should include:

- Project director's name, email address, surface mail address, and phone number;
- Project director's current teaching position;
- Project title, project description and expected outcomes;
- Proposed time frame of project, including preparation time and expected date of project completion;
- Project budget, which may not include expenditures for food or drink;
- Name, address, email address and telephone number of the person or office in proposer's institution or school system to which a successful applicant's grant check should be sent, along with a valid tax-free number. Note that the payee must be a not-for-profit organization such as a school, school system, PTA/PTO, or a 501(c)(3) whose activity corresponds to the mission of the Linda Schulman Innovation Fund (see home page of lsi-award.org.)

Keep the following questions in mind when writing your proposal:

- What are the project goals?
- Does the project fulfill a need?
- Is the project engaging and innovative?
- Does the project integrate academic content and language skills?
- Will the project create a positive change?
- Is the project feasible?
- Is the project likely to be repeated or continue to function in future years?

Consult the LSIF web site (<http://lsi-award.org>) for more information about the LSIF grants or send questions directly to info@lsi-award.org. Applicants who submit a pre-proposal, an effort that we strongly encourage, will receive feedback with regard to both content and format. Our goal is to help as many applicants as possible receive funds for their projects.

Send proposals via e-mail as Word attachments to info@lsi-award.org by Monday, March 26, 2018.

Grants will be announced on or about April 20, 2018, and awards will be presented at the annual MATSOL conference in the spring of 2018. Please keep this date in mind when planning your spring calendar to ensure you will be able to attend if your proposal is accepted.

Note that grant recipients are expected to share any materials produced with grant funds with MATSOL members. They are also expected to participate in the Linda Schulman Showcase (poster session) at the annual MATSOL conference in the spring of 2019.