

**Linda Schulman Innovation Grants
Call for Proposals 2020-21
Proposals accepted as of January 1, 2020
Due Monday, March 23, 2020**

The Linda Schulman Innovation Fund welcomes proposals for the 2020-2021 school year for projects that promote English language learning and embody a spirit of creativity, sensitivity and community. We give grants of approximately \$500 - \$1,000 for pedagogical plans that benefit English language learners by improving their language competency or increasing their understanding of American culture.

Teachers of English Language Learners in a not-for-profit (501c3) preschool, K-12 school, college, or adult education program in the state of Massachusetts are encouraged to apply for these grants. We consider all proposals, basing our selection on creativity, feasibility, and institutional need.

Project proposals, a 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. The name of the payee – school or nonprofit association – must be included.

When writing your proposal, make sure your language is clear so readers will understand exactly what your project hopes to accomplish. The following questions can serve as guidelines for the content of your text:

- 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 or send questions directly to info@lsi-award.org. Applicants who submit a pre-proposal by February 29th, an effort we 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 .PDF, .doc, or .docx attachments to info@lsi-award.org by Monday, March 23, 2020.

Grants will be announced on or about April 15, 2019, and awards will be presented at the annual MATSOL conference on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Please keep this date in mind when planning your spring calendar to ensure that 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 give a poster presentation about their project as part of the LSIF Showcase at the 2021 MATSOL Annual Meeting.