GRANTS FOR FACULTY-LED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The «Observatory of the Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures in the United States» (The Observatorio) provides annual funds for faculty-led seminars, university programs, and other academic activities. The activities may benefit the general Harvard community or small groups of scholars from Harvard and/or other universities and will focus on the core interests of the Observatorio: the social and linguistic state of the Spanish language and Latino cultures and communities in the United States. The Observatorio’s intent in funding these faculty-led activities is to identify, analyze, and promote the identity of Hispanic and Latino cultures.

Observatorio funding for such activities covers costs for meetings, seminars, courses or workshops. Proposals that link courses and research activities are especially encouraged. Proposals that also apply to other sources of funding and engage multiple faculty members and graduate students are welcome.

Who Is Eligible
Harvard faculty, departments, committees or centers are eligible to apply, but proposed activities may include members of other universities.

How to Apply
Anyone interested in sponsoring or organizing a new academic activity should submit a one- to two-page proposal describing the topic, a list of proposed speakers or participants, an assessment of the potential audience, and a detailed budget. Each proposal is reviewed by the executive director, who makes recommendations to the Observatorio Steering Committee. Questions and proposals should be submitted to the Observatorio’s Executive Director, Francisco Moreno-Fernández (execdir-observatory@fas.harvard.edu).

Deadline
Proposals for academic activities are accepted throughout the year. Generally, funding decisions are made in September and February for the following semester or academic year. Exceptions can be made if resources are available.

Terms
All grant recipients must submit a one- to two-page memo at the end of the activity reporting on the use of Observatorio grant funds. Reporting memos should be due before June 30. This information may be publicized on the Observatorio website.

Funding Available
The maximum amount to be awarded is $5,000 per proposal but the Observatorio welcomes proposals with a more modest budget. The Observatorio’s expectation is that, where other sources of funding are available, applicants should also apply to these sources; budgets should list such sources and the amounts requested.