



To: Faculty and Librarians
From: Antonio González, Director; Fries Center for Global Studies
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Subject: FCGS Grants

The Fries Center for Global Studies (FCGS) invites requests for support in either of the following two categories.

Collaborative projects

As indicated on our web site, the FCGS is committed to promoting intercultural competency and foreign language proficiency broadly throughout the Wesleyan community. The center is therefore prepared to offer up to \$800 in support of special events and activities that are developed in collaboration with the FCGS staff and with colleagues from different programs or departments. Events funded will be hosted in the FCGS commons.

Interested parties are encouraged to reread the statement of our mission, vision and goals at: <http://www.wesleyan.edu/cgs/about/index.html>. Proposals should list the names of those who will collaborate and a timeline for completing the project. Please include as well an itemized budget, specifying other available sources of funding.

The intercultural classroom

Thanks to the 2016 Fisk Hall renovation project, the FCGS and the *Center for Pedagogical Innovation* (CPI) include three special telepresence/project based classrooms—Fisk 101, 122 and 210—with state-of-the-art technology allowing faculty to connect their classes with students, colleagues, artists and intellectuals from around the world. Some Wesleyan faculty have already inaugurated these classrooms and their new technology with considerable success. We aim to encourage others to do so, either regularly or sporadically, in support of intercultural communication and learning in the classroom.

The FCGS is prepared to offer a \$400 honorarium to anyone interested in working with our staff to develop a new course or to incorporate telepresence into an existing course. Proposals should address exactly how the videoconferencing will be incorporated into the syllabus and how it will enhance our students learning. We expect such courses to make use of the technology in one of our classrooms and to be offered during the upcoming academic year.

Please send your inquiries or application for either of these grants to: fcs@wesleyan.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as long as funds are available. All funds awarded must be used by June 30, 2018.