



ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT AVAILABILITY SOCIAL ANALYSIS AND ACTION RESEARCH GRANT JESUIT CONFERENCE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

Events of the past year have drawn increased attention to the issues of racial injustice and policing practices in and around communities of color. They have also heightened the concern of young people regarding the persistence of racial and ethnic polarization. In 2001, former Jesuit Superior General, Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, emphasized the double focus of the Jesuit ministry of education: the formation of men and women for others and the use of university resources, intellectual and otherwise, to promote justice within marginalized communities.¹ Citing Fr. Ignacio Ellacuria, SJ, Kolvenbach urged universities “immersed in [unjust] realit[ies]” to contribute to the transformation of those realities. With this in mind, the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States will provide **one grant of up to \$20,000 for the fiscal year 2015-2016 to a Jesuit college, university or other institution to support 1) the convening of a conference, 2) the production of curricular and extra-curricular tools related to anti-racism activities and education at Jesuit colleges and universities, and 3) the development of best-practices regarding responses to racial justice issues by university administrators, faculty and staff.**

Expectations:

- 1. Conference.** The grantee will organize and convene a conference in 2016 for representative faculty, staff and students of Jesuit universities and other relevant community members and institutions in order to:
 - Share best practices for anti-racism education at the university and community level.
 - Discuss models of effective dialogue on racial justice issues.
 - Present methodologies for integrating racial justice in course curriculum.
 - Discuss possibilities for action for racial justice on Jesuit campuses, as well as advocacy approaches that might effect changes in the policy arena.
 - Explore Ignatian and/or faith-based approaches to addressing racism and racial justice.
 - Consider the role of colleges and universities as vehicles of education, inclusion and transformation.
 - Assess the efforts of university administrators to make campus communities places of welcome for students of color, as well as their efforts to respond to issues of racial justice and racial conflict on campus or in the larger society.
 - Explore the impact of racial justice dynamics and race polarization on relationships between university campuses and surrounding local communities.
- 2. Publications.** At the conclusion of the conference the grantee will publish an online collection of the proceedings of the conference, including papers, methodologies, multi-media materials and results of dialogues and discussions, with a particular emphasis on presenting models that can be replicated at other Jesuit universities and institutions.

¹ “The Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice in American Jesuit Higher Education,” Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, *Faith, Justice and American Higher Education* 2001.

Qualifications of Grantees: In order to be considered, the potential grantee should be a Jesuit university/organization that:

1. Is currently involved in racial justice and anti-racism activities.
2. Can contribute in-kind or other monetary services to supplement the \$20,000 grant.
3. Will work to involve representatives from other Jesuit universities or institutions in the planning and execution of the conference.

Application Process: Letters of intent are due by **April 24, 2015** and must include:

1. Background on why the Jesuit college, university or institution is qualified to lead this project.
2. An action plan with a timeline that incorporates planning and executing the conference and making available the proceedings of the conference.
3. A budget for the entire project that also includes in-kind donations of services, space, etc.
4. The names and contact information for the project lead(s).
5. A sample proposal for the conference that includes possible locations, processes, formats, and content (recognizing that these items may change with additional input from other participants in the planning process).

Letters of intent should be sent electronically to Shaina Aber, Office of Social and International Ministry, Jesuit Conference, saber@jesuits.org.

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