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MULTILINGUALISM:

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Societies

Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies (MEITS) Call for applications for funding from our flexible funding pot

MEITS is an exciting multidisciplinary project funded by the AHRC under its Open World Research Initiative (OWRI). It includes six research strands which explore multilingualism from a range of perspectives (S1. Arts of identity: literature, cinema, culture and citizenship in a globalizing Europe; S2. Standard languages, norms and variation: comparative perspectives in multilingual contexts; S3. Sociolinguistic perspectives on multilingualism: identity, diversity and social cohesion; S4. The influence of multilingual identity on foreign language learning; S5. Language learning across the lifespan: the role of age, language-specific factors and learning experience on language acquisition; S6. Multilingualism and cognition: implications for motivation, health and well-being). The project has a number of key non-HEI partners and there is an important policy and public engagement dimension to the work. Full details of the project, of its aims and activities, can be found at www.meits.org.

This is the first of two calls for funding to encourage other researchers and partners to work on the themes of the MEITS project. We particularly welcome applications from Early Career Researchers (as defined on p. 53 of the AHRC funding guide: ahrc.ac.uk/documents/guides/research-funding-guide/) and from institutions which are not involved in any of the four OWRI projects. In addition, projects which come from scholars working in literature, cultural studies and visual culture, which explore the MEITS themes in relation to these areas, will be given priority. We are also looking for proposals which will be able to contribute expertise and material for our proposed pop-up museum of languages.

Grants are available to support primary research, and there should be clear outputs and outcomes from this work. Applications will not be considered for less than £500. The maximum grant is £10,000 over two years, but we expect most of the grants to be in the region of £2000-£5000. Applications for collaborative or individual research projects are equally welcome under this scheme. Priority may be given to applications where there is some matching funding available from the researchers' home institution, but this is not essential.

Funds are available to: support the direct costs of research; and to enable the advancement of research through workshops or conferences, etc. Applicants may seek support for any combination of eligible activity and cost up to the overall limit of £10,000.

Level of grant: Awards up to £10,000

Deadline for submission of applications: 30 September 2017

Results expected: 30 November 2017

Earliest Start Date for Research: 01 January 2018

Grants are tenable for between 1 and 24 months.

All applications should demonstrate that the funds are sought for a clearly defined, discrete piece of research, which will have an identifiable outcome on completion. Payment of the grant will be made in two tranches, the second, mid-term payment being subject to a review of satisfactory progress.

The following are **not** eligible for funding: attendance at conferences organised by a third party or international organisation; funding of replacement teaching or administrative costs; funding of the PI's time.

Applicants are required to nominate two referees and ensure that the supporting statement from their chosen referees is submitted to meits@mml.cam.ac.uk by the Deadline for submission of applications.

Please note this deadline is final and we will not be able to receive any references received after this date. Your referees must be drawn from outside of your own employing institution and from outside the employing institution of any co-applicants.

The competition will be run, and administered by, the MEITS Management Group. Successful applications will conclude, upon award, an agreement in the terms set forth in Appendix A (here set out in its Cambridge form, but applicable to the partner institutions) to this call for applications, which correspond to terms within the most usual research-related collaboration agreement between academic institutions. We regret that we are unable to provide feedback on any unsuccessful applications. For informal enquiries about this scheme, please contact meits@mml.cam.ac.uk.

Application form

Personal Details Name Address E-mail Phone number	
Career summary & appointments Please note that if you are applying as an Early Career Researcher, we will need proof of your status	
Publications Please supply a list of up to 5 recent publications which relate to the proposed research	
Abstract Please provide a short abstract summarising your proposed research in terms suitable for an informed general audience, not one specialised in your field (max 150 words)	
Proposed research Please give a detailed description of the research programme, including methodology. Please include details of the viability, specificity and originality of the proposed research and of its achievability within the timescale (max 1 page of A4 single-spaced)	
Planned research outputs	

<p>Please indicate here what the expected output(s) from your proposed research will be. As appropriate, please indicate as follows: monograph, journal article(s), book chapter(s), digital resources, other (please specify).</p>	
<p>Other proposed outcomes Please specify any other outcomes of the research in terms of impact or public engagement.</p>	
<p>Relation of the proposed research to the MEITS research agenda Please specify how your research complements and builds upon the aims and objectives of MEITS (max half a page of A4).</p>	
<p>Budget Please specify the expected budget giving a detailed breakdown of costs</p>	
<p>Timetable Please indicate a clear timetable for your research. This should be no more than half a page of A4.</p>	
<p>Names of referees Please give the names of two referees who should send their letters of support (max one page A4) to meits@mml.cam.ac.uk by the closing date.</p>	

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

1. **The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge** of The Old Schools, Trinity Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1TN; (hereinafter referred to as “Cambridge”)
2. **X, of X** (hereinafter referred to as the “Awardee”)

For the purposes of this Agreement, Cambridge and the Awardee may be jointly referred to as the “Parties” and severally as a “Party”.

WHEREAS

- I. Cambridge is the lead recipient of an award from the Arts & Humanities Research Council (“AHRC”) in respect of a collaborative research project: “*Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies (MEITS)*” (the “Project”), AHRC award reference AH/N004671/1.
- II. In order for the Parties to jointly collaborate under the Project in the terms set forth in the request for proposals this collaborative agreement (the “Agreement”) is included under, the Parties wish to collaborate under the Project in accordance with the following clauses.

1. TERM

- 1.1 This Agreement shall be deemed to have commenced on **XX/XX/2018** (notwithstanding the dates of signature hereto) and shall expire on **XX/XX/XXXX** unless terminated earlier or extended by the Parties’ mutual agreement.

2. THE SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 The Awardee shall timely perform the tasks defined in the call for applications and its proposal, in the terms included in Appendix A to this Agreement (the “Scope of Work”).

3. PAYMENTS

- 3.1 In consideration for the performance of the Scope of Work carried out by the Awardee, payment of the amounts set out in Schedule 1 will be performed by the University following successful completion of the first half of the Scope of Work (50%) and successful completion of the Scope of Work, 30 days after the reception of the corresponding invoice by the Awardee.

4. PUBLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Project will form part of the actual carrying out of Cambridge’s primary charitable purpose: the advancement of education through teaching and research. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge and agree that:
 - a) This Agreement shall not prevent or hinder registered students of any Party from submitting for degrees theses based on results obtained during the course of work

undertaken as part of the Project; or from following that Party's procedures for examinations and for admission to postgraduate degree status.

- b) In accordance with normal academic practice, all employees, students, agents or appointees of the Party (including those who work on the Project) shall be permitted:
 - a. to publish results, jointly where applicable, obtained during the course of work undertaken as part of the Project; and
 - b. in pursuance of the Parties' academic functions, to discuss work undertaken as part of the Project in internal seminars and to give instruction within their organisation on questions related to such work.

5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 5.1 For the avoidance of doubt, all intellectual property owned or controlled by any Party prior to commencement of or independently from the Project (the "Background Intellectual Property") used in connection with the Project shall remain the property of the Party introducing the same. No Party will make any representation or do any act which may be taken to indicate that it has any right, title or interest in or to the ownership or use of any of the Background Intellectual Property of the other parties involved in the Project except under the terms of this Agreement. Each Party acknowledges and confirms that nothing contained in this Agreement shall give it any right, title or interest in or to the Background Intellectual Property of the other Party save as granted by this Collaboration Agreement. The Parties agree that any improvements or modifications to a Party's Background Intellectual Property arising from the Project which are not severable from that Background Intellectual Property will be deemed to form part of that Party's Background Intellectual Property.
- 5.2 Each Party grants the others a royalty-free, non-exclusive licence for the duration of the Project to use its Background Intellectual Property for the sole purpose of carrying out the Project. No Party may grant any sub-licence over or in respect of the other's Background Intellectual Property.
- 5.3 Each Party shall own the intellectual property which is generated or first reduced to practice by any Party directly as a result of the work undertaken in accordance with this Agreement (the "Arising Intellectual Property") generated by its employees, students and/or agents under the Project and shall ensure that it secures ownership of such Arising Intellectual Property from its employees, students and agents. Subject to the terms of the Contract, the Party owning any Arising Intellectual Property shall be entitled to use and exploit such Arising Intellectual Property as that Party sees fit, and subject always to Clauses 5.6 and 5.7
- 5.4 Each Party shall promptly disclose to the others all Arising Intellectual Property generated by it and each Party shall co-operate, where required, in relation to the preparation and prosecution of patent applications and any other applications relating to Arising Intellectual Property.
- 5.5 Where any Arising Intellectual Property is created or generated by both Parties jointly and it is impossible to segregate each Party's intellectual contribution to the creation of the Arising Intellectual Property, the Arising Intellectual Property will be jointly owned by the Parties in equal shares. The owners may take such steps as they may decide from time to time, to register and maintain any protection for that Arising Intellectual Property, including filing and prosecuting patent applications for any Arising Intellectual Property, and taking any action in respect of any alleged or actual infringement of that Arising Intellectual Property. If one of the owners does not wish to take any such step or action, the other owner may do so at its

expense, and the owner not wishing to take such steps or action will provide, at the expense of the owner making the request, any assistance that is reasonably requested of it.

- 5.6 Any joint owner of any of the Arising Intellectual Property may commercially exploit the Arising Intellectual Property upon consultation and agreement with the other Party. In such circumstances, the Party which is commercially exploiting the Arising Intellectual Property will pay the other Party a fair and reasonable royalty rate/revenue on the value of any products or processes commercially exploited by it which incorporate any Arising Intellectual Property taking into consideration the respective financial and technical contributions of the Parties to the development of the Arising Intellectual Property, the expenses incurred in securing intellectual property protection thereof and the costs of its commercial exploitation and the proportionate value of the Arising Intellectual Property in any such product or process.
- 5.7 Each Party is hereby granted an irrevocable, non-transferable, royalty-free right to use all Arising Intellectual Property generated in the course of the Project for academic and research purposes, including research involving projects funded by third parties provided that those parties gain or claim no rights to such Arising Intellectual Property.
- 5.8 If any Party (the "Exercising Party") requires the use of Background Intellectual Property of the other Party in order to exercise its rights in Arising Intellectual Property (whether solely or jointly owned) then, provided the other Party is free to license the Background Intellectual Property in question, the other Party will not unreasonably refuse to grant or delay granting a licence to the Exercising Party so that the Exercising Party may use such Background Intellectual Property for the purpose of exercising its rights in Arising Intellectual Property.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 6.1 In this Agreement, "the disclosing party" means a Party disclosing its Proprietary Information to another Party who shall be called "the receiving party". The disclosing party agrees to disclose its Proprietary Information to the receiving party upon the following conditions:
- a) The receiving party shall use the Proprietary Information solely for the Purpose, and shall not use the Proprietary Information for any other purpose unless the written consent of the disclosing party has first been obtained.
 - b) The receiving party shall treat the Proprietary Information in strict confidence and shall not disclose or transfer the Proprietary Information, or any part of it, to a third party.
 - c) The receiving party will limit access to the Proprietary Information to such of its employees as are necessary for the Purpose and shall ensure that such employees are subject to appropriate obligations of confidence.
 - d) Subject to the receiving party's right to retain a copy of the Proprietary Information for audit and / or legal purposes at the end of the Project the receiving party shall, if requested to do so by the disclosing party, destroy all physical copies of the Proprietary Information. For the avoidance of doubt the receiving party shall be permitted to retain copies which are made pursuant to routine IT back up processes provided that such copies shall be retained as confidential for such period as such copies are routinely retained.
- 6.2 The receiving party's obligations under conditions (a), (b) and (c) above shall not apply to any part of the Proprietary Information which:

- a) is, at the time of disclosure hereunder, already published or otherwise publicly available; or
- b) is, after disclosure hereunder, published or becomes available to the public other than by breach of this Agreement; or
- c) is rightfully in the receiving party's possession with rights to use and disclose, prior to receipt from the disclosing party; or
- d) is rightfully disclosed to the receiving party by a third party with rights to use and/or disclose; or
- e) is independently developed by or for the receiving party without reference or access to Proprietary Information disclosed hereunder; or
- f) is used and disclosed solely and to the extent necessary to comply with a statutory, judicial or parliamentary obligation, in which event the receiving party shall give prompt notice of such requirement to the disclosing party; or
- g) is required to be disclosed by law, by court or regulatory body of competent authority.

6.3 No Party shall be in breach of the Agreement where it can show that any disclosure of Proprietary Information is made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and / or Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (together, "the Regulations"). To the extent permitted by the time for compliance under the Act or the Regulations, the receiving party shall consult the disclosing party where the receiving party is considering the disclosure of Proprietary Information under the Regulations and, in any event, shall provide prior notification to the disclosing party of any decision to disclose the Proprietary Information to the extent this is reasonably feasible. Each disclosing party acknowledges and accepts that its representations on disclosure during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to disclose Proprietary Information in order to comply with the Regulations is a matter in which the receiving party shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Regulations.

6.4 The above obligations of confidentiality shall survive for a period of three (3) years from the date of expiry of this Agreement.

6.5 The Parties shall grant to the Awardees an irrevocable, non-transferable, royalty-free right to use all Arising Intellectual Property generated in the course of the Project for academic and research purposes, provided that those Awardees gain or claim no rights to such Arising Intellectual Property.

7. MISCELLANEA

7.1 The Parties confirm that nothing in this Agreement shall confer or purport to confer on any third party (except for Affiliates able to contract hereunder) any benefit or any right to enforce any term of this Agreement for the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

7.2 No Party accepts any responsibility for any use which may be made of any work carried out under or pursuant to this Agreement, or of the results of the Project, nor for any reliance which may be placed on such work or results, nor for advice or information given in connection with them and all conditions and warranties are hereby excluded to the maximum amount permitted by law.

- 7.3 This Agreement shall be governed and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of England, and the Parties hereto submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
- 7.4 This Agreement and its Appendix constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties for the Project, except as expressly noted above, supersedes all other statements and representations made between the Parties regarding the Project. Any variation shall be in writing and signed by authorised signatories for each Party.
- 7.5 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. Each Party acknowledges that an original signature or a copy thereof transmitted by electronic means shall constitute an original signature for the purposes of this Agreement.

Signed on behalf of The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge

Signature:

Date:

Signed on behalf of the Awardee

Signature:

Date: