

“RAPID RESPONSE FUND” AT THE SIÉ CHÉOU-KANG CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY

Description and Application Process

As part of a larger project made possible by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Josef Korbel School faculty can apply for “Rapid Response Funds” to support travel and associated costs to meet with policymakers. The fund is administered by the Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy and is available to cover faculty travel anytime until September 30, 2016.

In October 2014, the Sié Center was one of five institutions to receive a major grant from the Carnegie Corporation aimed at improving the transfer of research and expertise between higher education and policymakers in the area of global affairs. In its proposal, the Sié Center set out an engagement model designed to move the academy closer to the policy world both substantively, through collaborative research, and procedurally, by forging paths for fluid movement between the two professional realms. The “Rapid Response Fund” is part of that model and is intended to enable faculty to engage with policymakers in their area of expertise at a moment’s notice. The fund also supports interim interactions in the development of research projects so that relationships can be sustained and direct dialogue is possible when urgent policy issues do arise. These funds are available to all Korbel faculty members.

Faculty may apply for Rapid Response Funds by email to Jill Hereau, Associate Director of the Sié Center, at jill.schmiederhereau@du.edu. Before applying, Korbel faculty members are encouraged to consider whether a graduate or PhD student could accompany the faculty member as an observer. The application email must include, at minimum:

- Purpose of the trip and how the trip fosters interactive learning and knowledge sharing among the policy and academic communities;
- Tentative meeting schedule;
- Name of the student(s) accompanying the faculty member on the trip and the educational benefits of the trip;
- Budget estimate for all travelers.

Decisions on whether to fund a trip will be made based on several factors, including:

- Cost and other budgetary considerations;
- The potential for relationship development between the School and institution visited;
- The educational opportunities the trip presents for Korbel students.

We will follow the DU Travel and Expense Reimbursement policy to decide the propriety of expenses and amounts to cover. Please visit the [DU website](#) to review this policy. Questions about the program may be directed to Sie.Center@du.edu.