The Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Language and Literacy PoP Grant is designed to assist CISLL faculty affiliates in two ways: (1) in the development of research or service oriented grant proposals for external funding or (2) in the collection of pilot data needed to prepare for research or service oriented grant proposals for external funding. Awards may be used to support travel to confer with funding agencies whether public or private, attendance at workshops for seeking external funding, or salary to support proposal development. Other expenditures will be considered, but are subject to evaluation. Award amounts may vary depending on need, with a maximum amount per award of $2,000.00. Faculty affiliates are encouraged to apply in interdisciplinary¹ groups, and interdisciplinary proposals will be given special consideration during the review process. However, proposals that do not involve an interdisciplinary team of researchers will be given consideration. Awards will only be given to individuals who are affiliated with CISLL, but individuals hired by the awardee need not be affiliates of the Center.

Applications
Applications for the CISLL PoP Grant are limited to four pages, single-spaced with one-inch margins and no smaller than 12-point font. Applications must include the following:

- A brief statement of the purpose of the project
- A brief narrative on how this funding will be used in support of your proposal development (e.g. concrete information that shows you are working toward a proposal for external funding)
- The anticipated outcomes of the project
- The contribution to the mission of CISLL
- The relationship of this project to your area of expertise within the scope of CISLL
- An anticipated timeline for completion of the proposal for external funding (this will include a description of your plans to turn your project into a grant and the anticipated agency(s) and due date(s) for which you plan to submit your project)
- An itemized budget of expenses associated with developing the proposal

Note: All funds awarded for the CISLL PoP Grant must be SPENT by June 30, 2016

¹ The National Science Foundation describes interdisciplinary research as a mode of research by teams or individuals that integrates information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance fundamental understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research practice. (www.nsf.gov)
**Submission**
A completed application should be submitted electronically to the CISLL email (cisll@niu.edu) by **November 9, 2015**.

**Review**
- The CISLL PoP Grant is designed to promote the development of new proposals for research oriented or outreach oriented grants directly related to the mission of the Center.
- The CISLL PoP Grant Committee will review applications for CISLL PoP Grants. Reviews will be based on the importance of the project, its contribution to CISLL and the faculty member’s scholarly or outreach agenda, the potential for future external funding, the potential for dissemination of the associated scholarship, and the connection to the mission of CISLL, as well as the feasibility of completing the proposal for external funding in the stated time period and relevance of the budget request to the stated objectives. In addition, interdisciplinary team proposals will receive special consideration.
- Applications will be rank ordered by the CISLL PoP Grant Committee.
- Funding will be allocated in rank order based on the PoP Grant Committee recommendations until the maximum amount the CISLL budget has designated for these PoP Grants has been committed.
- These PoP Grants are not to support scholarship directly but rather to support the external grant proposal writing process or the collection of pilot data needed for to submit such a proposal.
- The Proposal for external funding must list CISLL as an interdisciplinary unit associated with the project.

**Requirements**
All awardees will be expected to:
- Share an informal report of progress at the 2016 CISLL Summer Retreat (typically held in May or June)
- Submit a copy of the completed proposal for external funding to the CISLL Office within one year of receiving the grant
- Submit a final report on your project, including information about activities completed and findings (submit by the beginning of the next academic year)
2015 Proposal or Pilot Grant Application

Application Cover Sheet

A completed application should be submitted electronically to the CISLL email (cisll@niu.edu) by November 9, 2015. The application must address all topics indicated in the guidelines and must adhere to the length limitations indicated.

Title of the Project:

Anticipated Start Date: __________________________________________

Anticipated End Date: __________________________________________

Applicant/Co-Applicant Name(s) and Signature(s)

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

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