

**Program Announcement and Call for Proposals**  
**Sustaining Minority Languages in Europe (SMiLE) Collaborative Research Awards**

Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

SMiLE is an interdisciplinary research program of the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage that seeks to examine the endangered language revitalization initiatives in minoritized autochthonous language communities in Europe. SMiLE invites proposals for community-situated ethnographic and sociolinguistic research around a series of questions addressing the social, cultural, political, and economic factors that contribute to the vitality of minoritized language communities. SMiLE is particularly interested in creating comparable case studies that

- reveal the trajectory of a community's language revitalization program(s) and efforts at various stages of their life cycles;
- analyze how language revitalization and maintenance programs respond to internal and external social, economic, and political factors; and
- explore relationships among language revitalization, cultural heritage, and traditional cultural transmission—areas of particular interest to CFCH.

**Award Information** SMiLE will fund six teams of two or more academic researchers, community-based scholars, language advocates, policy experts, and others. Support is available for various combinations of fieldwork, consultation, project-related travel, and archival research for periods up to 18 months. Each research team will be eligible for awards up to \$120,800 USD.

Grantees are expected to present their works-in-progress at three workshops sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and collaborate with other grantees and SMiLE advisors to synthesize findings.

**Eligibility to Apply** Proposed research must be conducted in a European autochthonous or minoritized language community whose members are currently engaged in language revitalization or maintenance efforts. At least one Principal Investigator from each team submitting a proposal must have strong ties with the community or program of the research site; ideally, one PI or supplementary partner or collaborator will be a community member. Preference will be given to proposed research teams with at least one Principal Investigator who holds a Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) related to the study of language in society in one of the social sciences or humanities. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their ability to engage in ethnographically informed research in multiple social fields and language domains. Nationals of any country may apply.

**Application Deadline:** September 1, 2017

**For further information** The complete program announcement and application materials are available at [folklife.si.edu/smile](http://folklife.si.edu/smile). Inquiries about the SMiLE Collaborative Research Award Program and/or Sustaining Minority Languages in Europe may be addressed to:

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