

Korea Foundation Grant Project Abstract:

The School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is home to six different departments, several free-standing programs, and a Language and Culture Learning Center. At present, 14 different languages are taught in our School. Until very recently, Korean had not been one of these languages. In response to student demand, though, the School decided to pursue the creation of a Korean rubric and a basic language program (BLP) in Korean. Both the Korean rubric and the Korean BLP recently were approved by the Faculty Senate, and we are set to begin the teaching of Elementary Korean (KOR 101 and 102) during the academic year 2015-2016. In due time, we hope to develop an Advanced Korean language course, as well as a Korean culture course. The Korea Foundation grant will support the teaching of Korean in our School. The \$75,000 the Korea Foundation will grant us will support the employment of a Korean instructor. As of this writing, the minimum per-class salary for instructors at UIC is \$6,250. We envision the allocation of the Korea Foundation funds to be as follows:

AY 2015-2016:

2 courses (Korean language 101 and 102)--\$12,500

AY 2016-2017:

4 courses (Korean language 101, 102, 103, and 104)--\$25,000

AY 2017-2018:

6 courses (Korean language 101, 102, 103, and 104; advanced Korean language; Korean culture)--\$37,500