Language Flagship Technology Innovation Center
to be established by prestigious federal program

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa has been awarded a $625,000 grant to establish the Language Flagship Technology Innovation Center (LFTIC) within the College of Languages, Linguistics & Literature. This funding marks the beginning of an unprecedented effort to improve technology integration in The Language Flagship Program [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlhxKbVqiDU]. “This award recognizes the global stature of UH Mānoa and provides more evidence of the success of Hawai‘i’s research university in competing for federal support to advance national and local priorities” said UH President David Lassner. “More personally, as someone who started my career working with what was then the leading networked information system for education, I couldn’t be prouder of our LFTIC team for their commitment to leverage today’s advanced information technologies to serve our students and our nation.”

The LFTIC will identify and develop best practices for effective language teaching and learning and create a comprehensive plan to integrate technology through The Language Flagship, a national program for undergraduates. Students of The Language Flagship program develop linguistic proficiency and cultural literacy, becoming the next generation of global professionals, which is critical to U.S. competitiveness and national security. The LFTIC will better foreign language education and technology initiatives at all levels, expanding beyond those at universities or those impacted by The Language Flagship program, by convening relevant expertise from the private and public sectors. Chief among its goals is to improve teaching and enhance learning. Languages, Linguistics & Literature Dean Jeffrey Carroll notes that this milestone award acknowledges the breadth and depth of expertise the college has within its faculty and staff. “I am pleased that LLL is playing a major role in these important efforts.”

Dr. Julio C Rodríguez and Dr. Madeline K. Spring will lead the Language Flagship Technology Innovation Center. The award is provided by the U.S. Department of Defense. Please contact Leon Potter at (808) 956-5121 or LFTIC@hawaii.edu to schedule an interview with them.

Website sources:
The Language Flagship - https://www.thelanguageflagship.org/

The College of Languages, Linguistics & Literature (one of the four Arts & Sciences colleges) of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa offers a broad curriculum in English, foreign and heritage languages and literatures, second language studies, and linguistics. Its Asia and Pacific focused curricula is unique in the nation. The faculty regularly teaches more than 25 languages, and has the capacity to teach many more.

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