

Faculty and Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Working Groups

DEADLINE: December 18, 2017

Purpose

The aim is to support Interdisciplinary Working Groups that engage in innovative research, institutional development and/or other activities that enhance Rutgers' international presence. Proposals should outline a clear plan for substantive, sustained interaction and collaboration among faculty and graduate students that explore new research areas or expand in innovative ways on research in which Rutgers faculty members already excel, and that derive clear and compelling benefit from exploration within an international, multidisciplinary context. In addition, preference will be given to proposals that show promise of generating substantial external funding and/or furthering Rutgers' collaborations with international institutions and member institutions of the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

Once award decisions have been made, the Rutgers Global programming team may want to work with funded Working Groups on events open to the Rutgers University community during the 2018-2019 academic year. Should we select your proposal, funds for the event will be allocated from grant funding and cost-shared with Rutgers Global.

Approximately five awards will be made. The maximum amount that may be requested is \$10,000, which may be spent over a two-year period and must be used by December 31, 2019.

Evaluation Criteria

The Faculty Review Committee will evaluate and rank all proposals. In selecting proposals to be funded, priority will be given to working groups that will:

- Advance Rutgers engagement with the issues that are of global importance;
- Develop interconnections among departments, units, or schools and that will include faculty and graduate students from different disciplines;
- Present an innovative new set of scholarly activities with a clear international focus;
- Result in a major outcome such as publication, major international conference, major external funding, establishment of new university international collaborative partnerships, etc.;
- Connect, through an event, to Rutgers Global's public programming initiatives, such as International Education Week;
- Explore new areas of research or build upon an existing strength and demonstrated faculty commitment.

Application and Submission Requirements

1. All faculty (tenured, tenure-track, clinical, or NTT faculty) with Rutgers appointments that continue at least through December 31, 2019, who do not have current Rutgers Global Grants, are eligible to apply. (*Non tenure track faculty will need to provide a letter from their Dean, Chair, or Director stating support for the proposal, and that it is expected that the*

applicant is in a position which will be renewed for the duration of the grant period, 2017-2019).

2. Working groups should be composed of full-time faculty (with at least one tenured or tenure-track faculty member) and graduate students for a total of at least five members.
3. Members should come from diverse departments, schools, or centers, in order to create a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary context.

Proposals Must Include:

1. Application cover sheet (signed by all members of the working group).
2. A project description (3 page maximum). The project description should include a list of proposed activities, and a project timetable.
3. Detailed budget and budget narrative. Please see the attached budget guidelines for details regarding expenditures that may and may not be charged to the grant.

Compliance

Any research with human subjects, animals or biohazard materials must undergo all necessary compliance reviews. No funds will be transferred until the PI has submitted an endorsement form (signed by the PI and Department Chair).

Reporting

In order to receive the full amount of funding awarded, all recipients are required to submit a short one-page interim report, detailing the progress of the project by January 25, 2019. A final written report summarizing the results of the internationalization initiative will be due by April 6, 2020. Final budget reports must also be submitted along with a budget narrative that details how the grant funds were used.

Deadline

Proposals are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 18, 2017. Electronic submissions are required and should be sent to grants@global.rutgers.edu. Save your file as Name_WorkingGroups (i.e. JohnSmith_WorkingGroups). Awards are expected to be announced in February 2017.

Inquiries

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