International Collaborative Research Grants for Faculty

DEADLINE: December 18, 2017

Purpose
The International Collaborative Research Grants support international research, projects, and programs initiated by faculty with scholars around the world. The aim is to promote collaborative and inter-institutional research and scholarship with existing or new international partners.

Successful proposals will outline a collaborative research project that makes a significant contribution to advancing a particular field of study. The proposed activity will also broaden or deepen Rutgers’ overall academic collaboration with an existing international university partner or will establish a new partnership that clearly offers opportunities for scholarly collaboration between the partner and additional Rutgers units in the future. For a full list of Rutgers’ institutional partners, please see: https://internationalpartnerships.gaiacenters.rutgers.edu/.

Rutgers Global also partners with the Rutgers Global Health Institute to seed collaborative global health projects. Please note that the 2018 Global Health Seed Grants will be announced in January.

Approximately ten awards of up to $8,000 will be made. Funds will be available for two years and must be used by December 31, 2019.

This grant does not support short-term lecturing or attendance at international conferences/symposia.

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

- Have high research value;
- Strengthen an institutional partnership between Rutgers and a current partner institution or offer the potential to develop a productive and sustainable relationship with a new institution;
- Are interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary in nature;
- Will use the funds as seed money to develop a project or initiative with potential to have a long-term impact on the university or one or more of its units or to lead to external funding.

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. (NTT 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 will be renewed for the duration of the grant period, 2017-2019).
2. Proposals may be individual–submitted by a faculty member—or institutional– submitted by programs, institutes, centers, departments, or schools.
3. Proposals must be a collaboration between Rutgers faculty and faculty/programs from a foreign institution.
4. Proposals should focus on topics that have international and/or global implications, understanding of which is advanced by the proposed collaboration with partners.
Proposals Must Include:
1. Application cover sheet, including a summary/abstract of the proposed research (150 words maximum).
2. Research/program brief description. The proposal should not be longer than three pages in length. The project description should include a list of proposed activities, a project timetable and a brief description of potential outcomes (i.e., publications, external sources of funding that will be sought upon completion of the pilot project including funding agency and specific programs, if available, conferences planned, and other outcomes).
3. List of participants from Rutgers and the partner institution.
4. Written verification from the project director at the partnering institution confirming interest in participating, outlining the importance of the collaboration, and noting its intended impact on the partner institution.
5. Detailed budget (see Excel budget sheet) and budget narrative. Please see attached budget guidelines for details regarding expenditures that may or may not be charged to the grant.
6. Two page CV for each principal applicant at Rutgers and the partner institution.

Compliance
Any research with human subjects, animals, biosafety, REHS or hESCRO 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 Dean/Chair).

Final Reports
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_CollaborativeResearchGrant_TF (i.e. JohnSmith_CollaborativeResearchGrant_TF). Awards are expected to be announced by February 2018 and projects may begin immediately thereafter.

Inquiries
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