

Internationalizing the Curriculum Grants

DEADLINE: December 18, 2017

Purpose

Internationalizing the Curriculum Grants are designed to motivate comprehensive curricular review at the department or program level with the aim of incorporating international and cross-cultural perspectives as integral parts of the undergraduate (or graduate) experience at Rutgers. The grants are meant to better assist faculty in preparing students for global competence. Proposals that encourage and facilitate study abroad as part of Rutgers degree programs will be received favorably. Such proposals should incorporate study abroad into curricula in a way that is concrete, practical, affordable, and consistent with the timely completion of degree. Consultation with Rutgers Global–Study Abroad is strongly encouraged during proposal and program development.

Successful proposals will commit to one of the following tracks:

STUDY ABROAD TRACK

- **Curriculum**
Identifying current partner institution(s) that can serve as hosts for our students, and proposing a process for “mapping” course equivalencies between Rutgers’ and the partner’s curricula
- **Program Development**
Creating a plan for integrating and implementing faculty-led study abroad opportunities for the department or school. Programs should be thoughtfully tied to degree or major requirements. Proposals should have a sustainable plan for faculty recruitment and program engagement.
- **Outreach**
Proposing a communications plan that encourages students to engage in international learning and study abroad. Such a plan would include website revisions, new student orientation materials, email and social media channels, face-to-face forums for encouraging international learning, and other innovative strategies.
- **Assessment**
Measuring and assessing the internationalization effort.

INTERNATIONALIZATION AT HOME TRACK

- **Curriculum**
Identifying a number of existing courses in the department/program curriculum that are strong candidates for “internationalization,” and/or proposing new courses

- **Program Development**
Identify a project or initiative with a global / local focus that supports one of the following –
 - International diaspora communities in New Jersey: Development should look to unite New Jersey's diverse communities, domestic and international students, and the greater Rutgers community.
 - Study away opportunities: Developments should aim at satisfying a curricular need within a global context, but emphasize the diversity / cultural benefits of a domestic programs vs. opportunities that can be sought by an abroad program.
 - Other innovative topics
- **Civic Engagement**
Proposing a plan to facilitate faculty and student engagement with UN-related organizations and NGO resources to enhance course content and experiential learning opportunities
- **Assessment**
Measuring and assessing the internationalization effort.

Evaluation Criteria

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

1. Have already begun an internationalization effort, or have a documented commitment to initiating such an effort;
2. Demonstrate a clear commitment to curricular design that incorporates an international perspective through the study abroad track or internationalization at home track;
3. Offer innovative ways of engaging students in international dimensions of the field;
4. Build on and enhance the linkages and partnerships with foreign institutions, international diaspora communities, NGOs and other civic organizations;
5. Have strong support among the faculty; the program director, or the undergraduate and/or graduate directors and the department chair; and the school dean; and
6. A clear method of assessment.

If a department is interested in developing a new study abroad relationship with a partner University or program abroad, or in developing a new faculty-led short-term program, or in exploring an alternative approach to study abroad, the PI should set up a time to meet with the Director or Associate Director of Rutgers Global–Study Abroad to discuss.

Rutgers Global will offer five grants of up to \$10,000. Funds will be available for two years and must be used by December 31, 2019. Proposals that include a substantial financial commitment from the applicants' school are especially encouraged.

Application and Submission Requirements:

1. All academic departments and programs across all schools on all Rutgers campuses are eligible to apply, as long as they do not have a current Internationalizing the Curriculum grant.
2. Proposals must have the endorsement of the program director, or the undergraduate and/or graduate directors and the department chair, and the dean of the school. Special consideration will be given to proposals that demonstrate a significant commitment of support



from the school dean (e.g., \$4,000- 5,000).

3. Proposals should take into account the existing international ties of the faculty and the existing international dimensions of the curriculum.
4. Proposals should include a clear path for students to have a significant international experience. Particular emphasis this year will be on the integration of study opportunities into major and minor curricula.

Proposals Must Include:

1. Application cover sheet (signed by relevant director(s), chair, if applicable, and dean).
2. A project description (3 page maximum) that includes a working definition of internationalization in the context of the department or program's academic area, and a narrative outlining the proposed expansion and revision of the curricular structure, with an emphasis on integration of study abroad opportunities.
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_InternationalCurriculum (i.e. JohnSmith_InternationalCurriculum). Awards are expected to be announced in February 2017.

Inquiries

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