Purpose
The mission of the Global Collaborative Education Lab (GCEL) is to assist Rutgers faculty in providing our students with access to global experiences through virtual collaboration with other students from around the globe. A signature initiative of GCEL, the Virtual Exchange Course Development Grants support faculty interested in developing undergraduate courses with an international partner that incorporate virtual exchange or collaborative online international learning (COIL) to connect students to work on collaborative projects. These courses include project and problem-based assignments and activities that provide undergraduate students with a variety of global engagement learning opportunities that do not require international travel. In addition to funding, faculty will also receive support in course design and in identifying potential international partners.

Approximately ten proposals will be awarded $2,500 each. Funds will be available by June 30, 2021 and must be used by June 30, 2022.

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

• Meet the academic requirements and contact hours for a 3-credit course;
• Offer students a global learning experience that is relevant to their degree completion requirements;
• Are open to a majority of students with minimal or no prerequisites, if possible;
• Will be offered in either the fall 2021 or spring 2022 semesters;
• Include 5 to 12 weeks of collaborative work between Rutgers students and students at the partner institution (the two courses do not need to be the same as long as they complement each other);
• Utilize digital technologies to deliver project and problem-based course content;
• Demonstrate learning outcomes that promote intercultural competence and address real-life global or local needs;
• Enable students to gain global perspectives similar to what they would learn during an in-person study abroad program.

Application and Submission Requirements
1. All faculty (tenured, tenure-track, clinical, or NTT faculty) with Rutgers appointments that continue at least through June 30, 2022, 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 is in a position which will be renewed for the duration of the grant period, 2021-2022).
2. Proposals must be a collaboration between a Rutgers faculty and a faculty from a foreign institution.

**Proposals Must Include:**

1. Application cover page.
2. Course description (2 pages maximum) that includes a list of proposed activities, a draft syllabus/timetable, and a brief description of learning outcomes that promote intercultural competence and address real-life global or local needs.
3. List of participants from Rutgers and the partner institution.
4. Two-page CV for each principal applicant at Rutgers and the partner institution.

**Reporting and Other Requirements**

1. All recipients will be required to attend two workshops:
   a. Foundations Workshop to learn about established virtual exchange pedagogy. This workshop will be held in late May 2021.
   b. Course Design Workshop to work with partners and with the Office of Teaching and Learning with Technology. This workshop will be held in mid July 2021.
2. All recipients will be required to submit a final written report by June 30, 2022, which includes information about how the grant funds were used.
3. To help promote virtual exchange to other faculty, all recipients will also be required to share their experience of teaching their courses in a format determined by Rutgers Global (in a promotional video and/or at the Global Collaborative Education Lab (GCEL) annual symposium).

**Deadline**

Proposals are due by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 19, 2021.** Electronic submissions are required and should be sent to grants@global.rutgers.edu. Save your file as LastNameFirstName_VirtualExchangeGrant (i.e. SmithJohn_VirtualExchangeGrant). Awards are expected to be announced in May 2021.

**Inquiries**

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