



OIP Interdisciplinary International Institutional Partnership Grants

2008-2009

Objectives

The Office of International Programs is pleased to announce the continuation of its highly successful all-University grant program to support the establishment and strengthening of innovative and sustainable international, interdisciplinary partnerships between units (e.g., colleges, departments, programs, or centers) at the University of Minnesota and their counterparts at one or more institutions (e.g., research institutes, cultural and educational institutes, or policy institutes) located outside of the United States.

Proposed international partnerships should foster deep, sustained, interdisciplinary scholarly and creative production in research, teaching, and related educational programs (e.g., workshops, seminars, symposia, curriculum development). Funding is available for existing partnerships that satisfy all relevant criteria as well as new initiatives. These are seed grants. **Recipients are expected to seek external funding for their projects.**

Eligibility

Projects eligible for institutional partnership awards must:

- Explore or forge institutional partnerships of significant depth and substance
- Include collaboration with institutional partners
- Be interdisciplinary in nature
- Have an international focus
- Involve units at the University of Minnesota (e.g. colleges, departments, programs, or centers) and their counterparts at one or more institutions outside of the United States

Distinguishing Between an Institutional Partnership and a Research Circle

OIP also administers a grant program to fund interdisciplinary international research circles, which support proposals that focus on a specific research project or other creative endeavor. Research circle grants are not meant to support the development of long-term institutional partnerships. Proposals to establish research circles should be directed toward the OIP Interdisciplinary International Research Circle Grants program (www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/research_circles/).

Description of Award

International partnership grants for up to \$25,000 will be awarded to support year-long initiatives. Grants in smaller amounts will be awarded to faculty in the earliest stages of international partnership start-up activities. Funded international partnerships must begin their work no later than fall 2008 and funds must be expended by August 2009. Proposals from the broadest possible range of disciplines and academic units are encouraged. Faculty initiatives that demonstrate exceptional success in their first round of funding may re-apply for a second year of support.

Deadline

Completed applications are due in the Office of International Programs by **noon on February 15, 2008**. Awards will be announced by April 15, 2008.

Evaluation Criteria

International partnership proposals will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary committee of faculty, on the basis of the following criteria: (1) international focus of the partnership, particularly its potential to extend the University of Minnesota's international scholarly and creative activities; (2) potential of the proposed partnership to enhance and/or deepen international and interdisciplinary scholarship, creative production, and curricular collaboration; (3) interdisciplinary nature of the partnership; (4) collaborative dimension of the partnership; and (5) prospects of longer-term sustainability including potential for external funding.

Required Application Materials

Proposals are due by **noon on Friday, February 15, 2008**. Completed institutional partnership applications must include 8 collated sets of the following material:

1. An **application form** that must be completed online, printed out, and included in the application packet. The form is available at www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/partnerships/. Note that this form requires the signatures of the primary principal investigator, department chair, and dean.
2. A **budget proposal** that may be completed either by using the provided form or by making a new document that contains the same categories of information. The form is available at www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/partnerships/.
3. A **project proposal** that should not exceed ten single-spaced pages (excluding cover sheet, budget proposal, supporting letters, and c.v.) and should include the following sections:
 - a. Description of the international partnership, including significance of the proposed partnership and the innovative nature of the partnership
 - b. Explicit statement demonstrating the global/transnational/international nature of the partnership
 - c. Explicit statement describing the interdisciplinary scope of the partnership
 - d. Description of the proposed institutional partners, including individual participants from those institutions
 - e. Letter of cooperation and evidence of institutional support from proposed partners
 - f. Description of the activities that define the partnership
 - g. Description of the expected outcomes and the criteria by which progress toward these outcomes will be measured
 - h. Description of steps that will be taken to ensure the collaborative nature of the partnership
 - i. Description of plans to ensure sustainability of the partnership beyond the first year

4. Brief **curriculum vitae** for the primary principal investigator (not to exceed two pages)
5. For initiatives that were previously supported by an OIP International Scholarly Initiative Grant, a **report detailing the outcomes from that funding** (not to exceed one page) must also be provided

For Existing Partnerships Only

In addition to the above materials, applications must also include a one-page description of:

6. The **history of the partnership**, including indicators of success or challenges, the nature and level of current funding, and any other funds applied for, and an explicit statement about how this grant would enhance the overall quality of the partnership

Please send 8 collated copies of above materials to:

OIP Interdisciplinary International Partnership
Grants Program
Office of International Programs
645 Heller Hall
271 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

*Please direct questions to Karen Brown or Allen Isaacman at
612-624-0832 or kbt@umn.edu.*

Grant Requirements

Grant recipients will be required to write a report detailing how the funds were used, evaluating progress toward the stated goals, and assessing prospects for longer-term sustainability.

Reports should be submitted **within two months of project completion** (or no later than October 1, 2009) to:

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