

Committee on International Programs (CIP)

Meeting Agenda Thursday November 14, 2019
1:00-2:30, Talley Student Union Room 5101

1. Review and approval of minutes from September and October.
2. Strategic initiatives/support for faculty (David Dixon, Director of Global Partnerships)
 - a. Presentation on GEI outcomes from Uganda/East Africa (Daniel Findley, GEI participant; Senior Research Associate, Highway Systems Group, ITRE)
 - b. UGPN (University Global Partnership Network) overview
3. Updates and next steps for the revised version of the “Supplemental Fund for Global Scholarly Reassignment Leave” proposal.
4. Announcements / Other Business (All)

Meeting dates	Tentative topics
September 12, 2019	- Overview, committee charge, opportunities - New early career track, Outstanding Global Engagement Award - Introduce Global Professional Development Proposal
October 17, 2019	Global Professional Development Proposal, discuss input collected from Deans and faculty
November 14, 2019	Strategic initiatives/support for Faculty: - GEI outcomes from Uganda/East Africa - UGPN overview
December 5, 2019	Strategic initiatives/support for Students: - Emergency Fund for Int'l Students - Supporting study abroad - International Internships
January 16, 2020	Asia Strategy update
February 13, 2020	Internationalization Seed Grant Review
March 5, 2020	Jackson Rigney Award Review
April 9, 2020	Key accomplishments, upcoming priorities

All meetings are on Thursdays at 1:00-2:30 in Talley Student Union Room 5101

PROPOSAL: Supplemental Fund for Global Scholarly Reassignment Leave

DRAFT: November 4, 2019

Purpose

Scholarly reassignment leave and other forms of longer term engagement outside of the U.S. significantly benefit both individual faculty and NC State as an institution. However, financial and logistical barriers hinder interested faculty from pursuing these important opportunities. The Supplemental Fund for Global Scholarly Reassignment Leave would provide the additional assistance needed to make these critical projects possible.

Need

A variety of smaller seed grants and travel assistance awards are available for short-term research collaboration abroad, but currently the only support available for longer engagement of one month or more outside the US is the Fulbright grant.

Department heads are hesitant to support global scholarly reassignment leave because of the added cost for travel and subsistence, and many faculty are not in a position to cover these additional costs out-of-pocket. These obstacles are often an insurmountable barrier to collaboration and research.

Benefits

Filling this gap and subsidizing longer-term faculty international travel to foreign universities and research sites will advance multiple strategic goals of the university.

- Reputation
 - Enhance NC State's global profile and rankings, as well as the prestige of individual faculty.
 - Increase the number, diversity, and visibility of faculty participating in global scholarly reassignments, fellowships, or visiting scholar positions.
 - Directly impact core ranking criteria, such as the number of scholarly citations.
- Funding
 - Strengthen the success rate of faculty applications for Fulbright awards and other grants by providing prior international experience, widening networks, and enhancing the feasibility of future proposed projects.
 - Position NC State faculty to receive funding from governments, foundations, and other sources outside the U.S.
- Recruitment/Retention
 - Help recruit top-notch international faculty and graduate students, including sponsored scholars and students, to NC State.
 - Support the retention and satisfaction of NC State faculty with global interests.
- Scholarly Output
 - Provide access to specialized equipment or data not available in the US.
 - Facilitate collaboration with faculty in a wider variety of related disciplines.
 - Add problem-solving approaches and enriched perspectives gained from collaborators in different cultures and institutional structures.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from all full-time (.75 FTE and above) faculty who are involved in scholarly activities, and who will spend at least one month of their scholarly reassignment leave outside the U.S.

Required deliverables

Successful applicants will need to articulate tangible outcomes and document how an award will benefit both themselves and NC State more broadly. Proposed outcomes may include deliverables such as publications, enhanced or new curricula, documented innovation and economic development outcomes, hosted workshops, leveraged external funding, and/or Fulbright scholarships. Applicants must also articulate how outcomes will be disseminated.

What will the funding cover?

The intent of the funds is to provide supplemental support for longer-term (one month or more) scholarly projects outside the US which are undertaken as part of a semester or more of scholarly reassignment leave. Funds may be used for travel and other overseas expenses of NC State faculty, including transportation, research related expenses, relevant admission or conference fees, food, and lodging.

Size of awards

The amount of funding will vary depending on the budget and scope of the project, with a maximum total of \$10,000 per recipient. A total of \$200,000 will be available per year.

Funding source (proposed)

Total supplemental funding for the global scholarly reassignment leave will be shared by:

1. The Office of the Provost, through the Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA) and the Office of Global Engagement (OGE)
2. The Office of Research and Innovation (ORI)

Application and review process

Applicants need to submit an application by December 1 for awards that become available in the following academic/fiscal year. Documentation includes:

- applicant's CV
- summary of the scholarly reassignment leave proposal
- a proposed budget
- intended outcomes/deliverables, and how these will be disseminated
- a letter of invitation if the proposal is to visit a foreign university
- a letter from the applicant's department head or dean verifying the feasibility of the proposal and its timing

OFA, OGE, and ORI will select a committee of appropriate faculty and administrators to review and rank the proposals. The three units will then collaborate to make awards based on the rankings and the available funds.

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To: Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

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Re: **Supplemental Fund for Global Scholarly Reassignment Leave**
Requested allocation of \$200,000

Date: November 14, 2019

The NC State Standing Committee on International Programs (CIP), in collaboration with the Office of Global Engagement (OGE) and the Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA) hereby requests a meeting to discuss a proposed annual allocation of \$200,000, to create a Supplemental Fund for Global Scholarly Reassignment Leave. The detailed proposal is attached.

CIP members have collected extensive feedback from their deans, department heads, and faculty colleagues, which have contributed to further strengthening this proposal. Responses have been overwhelmingly supportive, with the CALS Dean even pledging additional college funds to support the initiative.

The committee feels that this fund can help address a number of critical and timely university goals, such as improving world university rankings through increased scholarly citations, attracting top quality international students and faculty to NC State, and shaping the university's strategic plan for the years ahead.