Global Research Collaboration Grant Program

A joint program of the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of International Education

Program Description

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the Office of International Education (OIE) are making available a limited number of preparatory grants to facilitate the development of sustainable international research and technical assistance activities. Grants will be awarded to support preliminary international research, partnership development and proposal preparation undertaken in pursuit of specific sources of external funding.

Eligibility Criteria

The "Global Research Collaboration Grant" or "GRCG" program is open to all UGA faculty and administrative staff pursuing externally funded international research and technical assistance initiatives. To be eligible, proposals must identify and commit to pursue specific sources of external funding as a result of the activities enabled by the GRCG grant.

Funding

Grants will range from $4,000 to $8,000 each, with OVPR/OIE matching UGA unit (department / school / college) contributions at a 1:1 ratio. For example, a maximum grant of $8,000 must include a $4,000 contribution from the investigators' UGA unit(s) in the form of new, real dollars explicitly for the purpose of the proposed project. International travel funds made available by UGA units to support this specific collaborative activity may be counted toward the required unit match, provided travel has not taken place as of the date of the grant application. Matching funds from international partners (in addition to the $8,000 maximum UGA contribution) will be considered favorably in determining grant awards.

Grantees should expect to be able to use the funds over one year for videoconferencing, travel and other collaborative efforts, preliminary data collection, feasibility studies and to cover proposal preparation costs.

Proposal Content

The following proposal components are required and must be submitted via the online proposal submission form. Please find the link to this form under "Submission Instructions and Deadlines". All uploads must be .pdf file type except the budget, which may be .pdf, .xlsx or .xls.

- Preliminary information **(Form entry)**:
  - Title of project

- o Name, affiliation, email of UGA PI
- o Name, affiliation, email of all UGA collaborators
- o Name, affiliation, email of all external collaborators, funding agencies or recipients of technical assistance with a short (one-sentence) description of the capacity in which they are involved
- o Budget Contributions Summary: UGA Unit Contribution, OVPR/OIE Contribution, Optional: Contributions from international partners.
- **Upload** as one PDF:
  - o Summary of planned project for non-expert (1 page max)
  - o Description of preparatory activities to be funded by the grant (1/2 page max)
  - o Expected outcome of those activities, identifying by name the sponsor(s) and program(s) to which subsequent external funding requests will be submitted (1/2 page max)
- **Upload:** Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: http://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FRG-Budget-Template.xlsx
- **Upload:** Letter(s) from UGA unit leader(s) confirming matching financial support for the initiative
- **Upload:** UGA PI's curriculum vitae and, if applicable, international collaborator's curriculum vitae

Submission Instructions and Deadlines

Two rounds of funding will be held each academic year. Proposals should be submitted no later than the date identified in the Call for Proposals for the relevant funding round.

Proposals should be submitted online via the proposal submission form. Save and return is not available so applicants should have documents prepared for upload prior to completing the form. Clicking "Submit" is a final transmission of the proposal.

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Vetting and approval of proposals will be done jointly by OVPR and OIE, with input from one or more committees appointed to assist with the selection process. The following will be taken into account by the review teams:

- *Quality of the proposal.* The research and technical assistance activities contemplated by the proposal should be high quality, innovative and clearly articulated.
- *Importance and strategic fit.* The proposal should provide evidence that it contributes to key societal challenges and fits with and complements the wider multidisciplinary research portfolios across UGA and the partner.
- *Teamwork and interdisciplinarity.* The proposal should involve a team of researchers across a range of relevant disciplines at UGA and the partner, where appropriate.
- *Partnership development.* The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop sustainable collaborations with institutions and individuals abroad. Proposals that include matching funding from international partners will be prioritized.
- *Sustainability.* The proposal must articulate a credible plan to attract additional external funding, linking the preparatory activities for which UGA grant funding is requested to specific future funding submissions.

Award Conditions

Grants are expected to have a January 1 or a July 1 start date, depending on funding round, and funds are to be spent within one year of award. An initial report will be due one year after the start of funding, then a final report after two years. These reports should focus on what was accomplished and the status of attempts to obtain external funding.

Please email partner@uga.edu with questions.