GLOBAL COLLABORATIVE NETWORK Grants (GCN)

Overview

The Council for International Teaching and Research (CITR) and the Vice Provost for International Affairs invite submission of proposals for Global Collaborative Network (GCN) grants. GCN grants are intended to facilitate international scholarly networks that engage Princeton with centers of learning worldwide. Additionally, GCN grants build and sustain scholarly collaborations that can promote career development in an international context for Princeton scholars at all levels of seniority. The overall goal is to enhance Princeton-based scholars’ efforts to design and to participate in global networks by offering resources for the creation and expansion of international collaborations. Ideally, the creation of each Global Collaborative Network will lead to lasting ties between Princeton and one or more international institutions, as well as between individual scholars across national borders.

Objectives of GCN grants include the following:

- Contributing to the internationalization of departments, centers, or programs
- Enhancing the intellectual life of departments, centers and programs
- Promoting collaborations, both internal to Princeton and external, including those with students
- Enhancing global networking and enhancing the free flow of scholars and ideas to and from Princeton
- Enriching the careers of all levels of participants, from students to senior scholars

Many different approaches to global network building may be appropriate under different circumstances. Applicants should explain to the selection committee the reasons for their strategies for building partnerships.

Individual grants up to $75,000 per year are available for up to three years beginning in 2019-20. Priority will be given to proposals for new projects over those previously funded by other sources. While faculty and postdoc compensation is not supported on this fund, graduate student hourly pay may be considered (outside of AI or AR stipend and tuition).

In recognition of the fact that many departments and programs administer endowed or term funds that are restricted and require the University to spend them before unrestricted general funds, and in order to make this fund accessible to as many faculty members as possible, we ask all applicants to seek a financial commitment from their department chair or program director to include with their proposal to the GCN. The
selection committee recognizes that available resources vary among departments or sponsoring programs for supporting these types of activities, and this will be taken into account when the proposal is reviewed.

The full proposals for past projects funded by GCN appear at https://international.princeton.edu/research-partnerships/funding-opportunities/research. Given the importance of academic programming, we strongly urge faculty members to discuss their ideas with relevant chairs, deans, and directors at an early stage of planning.

The collaborations that have achieved the most sustained success and the greatest impact on campus are those that have involved scholars at multiple levels, i.e., faculty, postdocs, and students. Proposals that include a wide variety of career stages among participants will receive priority consideration.

**Eligibility**

All regular faculty members (senior lecturers, instructors, assistant professors, associate professors, and professors) are eligible; early-career faculty members are encouraged to apply. Full-time lecturers and language lecturers are also eligible, provided their appointments for the award period have been approved by the Dean of the Faculty. Other faculty, research, and administrative staff members of the University may be co-proposers.

**How to Apply**

The components of the application for the GCN follow.

1. **Cover sheet (please use template on website) with basic information**
   a. Proposer’s name/department and contact information
   b. Optional: Co-proposer’s name/department and contact information
   c. Project name
   d. Project start/end date
   e. Department chair’s / program director’s financial commitment / endorsement
   f. Optional: 2nd department chair’s /program’s director’s financial commitment / endorsement
2. **Project description** (up to five pages, no more than 2000 words)
   a. Project plan
   b. How the project supports the University’s internationalization goals and the objectives of the GCN
   c. Participants in the project
   d. Ongoing benefits of the project to Princeton faculty members and students

3. **Project budget** (please use template on website)
   a. Eligible expenses include travel, meals, housing, and ground transportation for faculty members, postdocs, other researchers, and students; honoraria and fees from host organizations; visa, medical, and other required fees in preparation for travel; equipment, material, and supplies; and administrative hourly pay for graduate students. Details appear on the budget template. **Faculty and postdoc compensation is not eligible for GCN funding.**
   b. Under “sources/income” section, include funding committed by your department/program as well as funding from other sources applied for or committed.
   d. Funding from the GCN may be available for expenditure as soon as July 1, 2019. Initial project length may be up to three years.

**Application Timeline**

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**Selection Procedure**

Successful proposals will be chosen by a faculty committee convened by the Assistant Provost for International Affairs including the Director of CITR and, as appropriate, other senior academic administrators (e.g., deans and deputy/associate deans of the faculty, the graduate school, the college, the school of engineering, and research). Proposals
will be judged on the basis of their contribution to the University’s internationalization goals and the aforementioned objectives; their general intellectual value, creativity, and innovation; and their feasibility. The selection committee may ask for revisions to the proposal before final approval of funding.

**Reporting Requirements**

Faculty members are required to submit brief annual reports on their projects at the end of each year of the grant.

**Extensions and Renewals**

GCN projects are normally eligible for extension for one additional non-funded year of operation. Under special circumstances, particularly for projects in the humanities and humanistic social sciences (where outside funding for certain kinds of research can be particularly difficult to obtain), one project per year may be considered for a funding renewal of one to two years.

**Contact Us**

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