

International Collaboration Grant

Purpose

To develop or enhance current international connections between UM faculty and their counterparts in academic/research institutions abroad with the hope that a focus on areas of mutual interest will lead to expanded international collaborations.

Eligibility

- Open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty pursuing international research, collaboration, and technical assistance initiatives. While both populations are eligible, preference will be given to untenured tenure-track faculty.
- To be eligible, faculty must identify and commit to making presentations, writing articles, and/or other scholarly activities as a result of the project enabled by the International Collaboration Grant, thus expanding UM's global footprint.
- Faculty members may not be granted the ICG in consecutive cycles though exceptions could be made depending on the availability of funds.

Guidelines

- Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 each. Proposals are strengthened by matching support from another UM unit (department/school/college).
- Support for conference participation is not the primary goal of the grant. Conference participation requests absent articulated collaboration efforts or presentations will be lower priority.
- Collaboration with existing partners to create strategic partnerships with overseas institutions will be considered of higher priority. A list of existing partners is located at oge.olemiss.edu.
- Proposals by faculty who have not received the grant in a previous funding round will be prioritized.
- To be funded, proposed travel must be necessary to the articulated output of the identified research collaboration.
- Proposals may be funded in an amount less than requested and are dependent upon budget restrictions.

Deadlines

Applications will be accepted at any time but only considered within the current application cycle that begins August 1 of each year. Application cycles are August 1 - July 31. For example: Applications for travel in October 2019 will not be reviewed until the next application cycle begins on August 1, 2019.

All complete applications received by the 15th of each month will be reviewed as a batch by the 25th of that month. For example: For travel beginning anytime in March 2019, the application is due no later than February 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, applications are due the next working day. Submit applications to oge@olemiss.edu. It is recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible in case funds are exhausted for the application cycle.

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Vetting and approval of proposals will be done with input from a committee appointed to assist with the selection process. The following will be taken into account by the review team:

- *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 will receive a more favorable consideration if it complements research programs that already exist at UM and the partner institution.
- *Partnership development.* The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop or deepen sustainable collaborations with institutions and individuals abroad, contributing to the internationalization of UM.
- *Sustainability.* The proposal must articulate a credible plan to foster sustainable future international collaborations.

Award Conditions

An initial report will be due one year after the start of funding. These reports should focus on what was accomplished, including papers and presentations, and the status of attempts to further collaboration efforts.