

GLOBAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANT PROGRAM



Office of Global Engagement
Office of Research

Deadline: Proposals should be submitted no later than the date identified in the Call for Proposals for the relevant funding round. Funding rounds will typically be announced annually in early Fall.

Award Description

The Office of Global Engagement (OGE) and Office of Research are making available a limited number of preparatory grants to facilitate the development of sustainable international research and service 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

- Open to all UGA faculty and administrative staff pursuing externally funded international research and service 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 be in an amount of up to \$15,000 each, with OGE and the Office of Research matching UGA unit (department / school / college) contributions at a 2:1 ratio. For example, a maximum grant of \$15,000 must include a \$5,000 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. Travel funds earmarked for international conferences are not considered to be in support of a specific collaborative activity and will not count toward the required unit match.
- Matching funds from international partners (in addition to the \$15,000 maximum UGA contribution) will be considered favourably 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.
- 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 investigators may request less than the maximum amount.

Required Proposal Content and Submission Instructions

The following proposal components are required and must be submitted via the [online proposal form](#). The full proposal should be uploaded as a single PDF file. 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.

- Preliminary information entered on the proposal submission form:
 - Title of project
 - Name, affiliation, email of UGA PI
 - Name, affiliation, email of all UGA collaborators
 - 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
 - Budget Contributions Summary: UGA Unit Contribution, OGE Contribution, Optional: Contributions from international partners.
- Upload as one PDF:
 - Summary of planned project for non-expert (1 page max)
 - Description of preparatory activities to be funded by the grant (1/2 page max)
 - 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)
 - Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <https://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FSG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
 - Letter(s) from UGA unit leader(s) confirming matching financial support for the initiative
 - UGA PI's curriculum vitae and, if applicable, international collaborator's curriculum vitae

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Vetting and approval of proposals will be done by OGE, 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.
- *Partnership development.* The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop sustainable collaborations with institutions and individuals abroad. Proposals will be prioritized that include matching funding or in-kind contributions demonstrating partner commitment to the collaboration. However, the dollar value of such support will not be used as a basis of comparison among proposals since the resources available to international partners will vary from country to country.
- *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

Funds are to be spent within the current fiscal year of the 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.

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