

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANT (IRC GRANT)



UNIVERSITY OF
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Office of Global Engagement
Office of Research

Deadline: Friday, November 14, 2025

Award Description

The Office of Global Engagement (OGE) and the Office of Research (OoR) are making available funds to facilitate the development of sustainable international research collaborations. 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 tenured and tenure-track faculty seeking to collaborate with international partners to pursue specific sources of external funding as a result of the activities enabled by the IRC Grant. Research collaborations must involve researchers based in countries outside of the U.S.

Funding

- The IRC Grant 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 award of \$15,000 must include a \$5,000 contribution from the investigators' UGA unit(s) allocated explicitly for the proposed project. Note that investigators may request less than the maximum amount.
- 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 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. Proposed travel must be necessary to the articulated output of the identified research collaboration.
- Matching funds from international partners (in addition to the \$15,000 maximum UGA contribution) will be considered favorably in determining awards.
- Funds should be expended in the fiscal year they are awarded.
- Proposal review may result in a recommendation of partial funding of the proposed project.

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. Clicking "Submit" equals the final transmission of the proposal.

- Preliminary information entered on the proposal submission form:
 - Title of project
 - Name, affiliation, email of UGA Lead
 - Name, affiliation, and email of all UGA collaborators

- Name, affiliation, email of all external collaborators, funding agencies, or recipients of technical assistance, with a short description of the capacity in which they are involved
- Budget Contributions Summary: UGA Unit Contribution, OGE Contribution, and, if applicable, contributions from international partners.
- Upload as one PDF:
 - Summary of planned project for non-expert (1-2 pages)
 - Description of preparatory activities to be supported by the IRC 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
 - Curriculum vitae of UGA lead and international collaborator(s)

UGA Policy: <https://policy.uga.edu/> and UGA Foundation Policies: <https://give.uga.edu/uga-foundation/resources/policies-procedures/> are to be followed.

Evaluation Criteria and Procedures

Review of proposals will be conducted by a committee appointed to assist with the selection process. The following will be taken into account by the review committee:

- *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 aligns with UGA's strategic priorities.
- *Partnership development.* The proposal should demonstrate the potential to develop sustainable collaborations with institutions abroad.
- *Extramural funding.* The proposal must articulate a credible plan to attract additional external funding, linking the preparatory activities for which UGA funding is requested to specific future submissions.

Award Conditions

Funds are to be spent within the current fiscal year of the award. An initial report is due one year after the start of funding, followed by a final report after two years. These reports should focus on what was accomplished and document attempts to obtain external funding.

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