

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION GRANT (IRC GRANT)



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Office of Global Engagement
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Deadline: Monday, May 25, 2026

Award Description

The International Research Collaboration grant supports the development of new, sustainable research projects with international collaborators abroad. Awards will be made to support preliminary research, such as data collection, field work, or feasibility studies, as well as proposal preparation undertaken in pursuit of specific sources of external funding. This grant program is sponsored jointly by the UGA Office of Global Engagement (OGE) and the Office of Research (OVPR).

OGE awards are up to \$10,000. Awards require a financial contribution from the investigator's UGA unit (department, school, or college) at a 2:1 ratio. For example, a maximum OGE award of \$10,000 requires a \$5,000 unit contribution, for a total project budget of up to \$15,000.

Eligibility

- Open to all full-time tenured or tenure-track, clinical or other research faculty at UGA. Postdocs are not eligible to apply.
- Research collaborations must involve researchers based in countries outside of the U.S.
- Previous recipients of this grant, or previous iterations (IRC or GRCG) must wait two full academic years from receiving funding before applying again.
- This grant program supports the development of new collaborations, not ongoing research projects.

Funding Guidelines

IRC Grants are up to \$10,000 each and require a financial contribution from the investigator's UGA unit (department, school, or college) at a 2:1 ratio. For example, a maximum OGE award of \$10,000 would require a \$5,000 contribution from the investigator's unit(s). Unit contributions must be explicitly allocated in support of the proposed project. Investigators may request less than the maximum amount, which would result in a proportionally smaller unit contribution requirement. Please note:

- Travel, if proposed, must be necessary to the articulated output of the research collaboration.
- All awarded funds must be fully expended no later than the close of the fiscal year on June 7, 2027.
- Additional financial contributions from international partners will be considered favorably in determining awards.
- 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 (1,000 words max.)
 - Description of preparatory activities to be supported by the IRC Grant (500 words max.)
 - Expected outcome of those activities, identifying by name the sponsor(s) and program(s) to which subsequent external funding requests will be submitted (250 words max.)
 - Budget, following the Faculty Research Grant Budget template found here: <https://research.uga.edu/docs/forms/iga/FSG-Budget-Template.xlsx>
 - Letter from UGA unit leader(s) confirming the unit’s financial commitment to the project
 - 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.

Timeline

- **May 25, 2026:** Proposal submission deadline
- **June 2026:** Proposal review by selection committee
- **Mid July 2026:** Award notifications issued
- **August 2026:** Transfer of funds to awarded projects

Award Conditions

Funds are to be expended no later than June 7, 2027. 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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