

GLCA Global Crossroads Internationalization Innovation Fund Call for Proposals

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Internationalization Innovation Fund provides support for a campus to advance its goals to internationalize the programs of learning that define an undergraduates' experience of the liberal arts. Recognizing that each GLCA college is unique in terms of its existing international programming and its goals to expand those programs, the Innovation Fund invites each college to develop a plan that is specific to its context and aspirations. As described in the section on Proposal Preparation, each proposal must address four areas: internationalization, collaboration, evaluation, and dissemination.

Planners involved in preparing a campus' Innovation Fund proposal are encouraged to think broadly about their needs and to be creative when considering how those needs might be met. They should consider leveraging participation in other Crossroads programs, as well as other GLCA programs such as the Library of Congress program, Expanding Collaborations, Alliance Inter-institutional visits, and the Global Center for Teaching and Learning, in order to meet their goals.

This grant can support a wide range of initiatives, including identifying needs through a campus internationalization audit using the Internationalization Toolkit developed by the American Council on Education; collaborating with another GLCA campus to develop a program with international dimensions (the Peace Corps Preparation program, for example); bringing in speakers from Alliance campuses to talk on international topics (this can be supported through the Alliance Inter-institutional Visit program); and developing ties with local immigrant communities. Ideas can be developed through conversations with Simon Gray, the Global Alliance Program Officer.

A GLCA campus may choose to identify an Innovation Fund Director with responsibility for coordinating the campus' Innovation Fund programming. The Innovation Fund Director should work with the campus' Alliance Liaison and others on planning.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

Global Crossroads is a four-year program. An Innovation Fund proposal may be multi-year. A complete submission includes the following:

Submission Summary Page – available as a PDF Form from the Global Crossroads web page. The title, abstract, and keywords of successful proposals will be made available in the GLCA Awards database.

Project Narrative – the narrative should be no longer than eight pages and should address:

Internationalization. What is the state of your campus' internationalization efforts? What goals will be pursued through the proposed project? How will your plan enable your campus to credibly accelerate or transform education in a global context? In what ways will you extend or deepen the internationalization of your institution's mission and make demonstrable progress in providing a globalized education for your students?

Collaboration. In what ways will you contribute to, build upon, and make use of the community of collaboratively developed resources available through the Alliance? (The GLCA will assist in identifying collaborators and sharing resources.)

Evaluation. Include a plan for the annual assessment of the Innovation Fund project that examines the impact the project has made toward meeting the institution's goals to further internationalize

the undergraduate experience. Describe any changes to be made to the plan based on the evaluation.

Dissemination. Describe how you will share information about your project's impact, both with GLCA schools and more broadly. (Annual reports will be shared with the Mellon Foundation.)

Project Budget – a year-by-year project budget with justification that represents a responsible estimate of costs, including the cost of materials, travel, external speakers, and stipends for participants contributing to the plan's design and execution.

FUNDING SUPPORT (ANNUALLY)

Campus Fund \$37,500 for programming
Innovation Fund Director \$7,500 for a course release or stipend

Working in conjunction with the campus' Alliance Liaison, the Innovation Fund Director has responsibility for coordinating the campus' Innovation Fund programming. The funds for the Director may be reassigned to the Campus Fund, increasing that amount to \$45,000. The budget may include a line to cover 7.65% for the employer paid portion of FICA/Medicare on stipends.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Times New Roman at a font size of 12 points
One-inch margin all around, Single-spaced and all pages should be numbered

PROPOSAL DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

Proposals will be reviewed as they are received. The campus' Alliance Liaison should submit the proposal to the Global Alliance Program Officer at gray@glca.org.

PROPOSAL REVIEW

Proposals will be reviewed by GLCA staff with a recommendation made to the GLCA chief academic officers for approval. Generally, a proposal that is not funded may be resubmitted following revision based on feedback supplied by the review committee.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Projects funded through the Global Crossroads Initiative require an annual report and a final, end-of-project report. Each report should describe project outcomes in relation to project goals, provisions for changes based on project results to-date, and an accounting of how funds have been spent. The report should be sent to the Global Alliance Program Officer (gray@glca.org).

Funds for the next year of the project will be released once the annual report for the preceding year's activities has been submitted. Reports will be shared with the GLCA deans and will be included in the annual reports submitted by the GLCA office to the Mellon Foundation.

CONTACTS AND LEADERSHIP

Questions about the program should be directed to Simon Gray, Global Alliance Program Officer. Each GLCA campus has an Alliance Liaison with responsibility for coordinating the campus' Alliance efforts and communicating with the Program Officer. Each campus that implements an Innovation Fund project may also have an Innovation Fund Director with responsibility for planning and oversight of project programming. The campus' Alliance Liaison will collaborate with the Innovation Fund Director to assure integration with the consortial pedagogy and curriculum projects within the Crossroads Initiative.