

GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS MAJOR INITIATIVES AWARD 2012-2013

The Global Education Office is pleased to announce the **2012-2013** International Partnerships Major Initiatives Award cycle. This program will fund projects that take advantage of VCU's 15 international university partnerships to substantively impact the university and support the Quest for Distinction (<http://www.future.vcu.edu/>).

Internationalization is "the process of integrating international and multicultural perspectives and experiences into the learning, discovery and engagement mission of higher education" (Knight, J. 1994). VCU's International Partnership Universities Initiative provides VCU faculty and students the opportunity for involvement and collaboration in an international and multicultural arena, and as such is a principal medium for internationalizing the university.

The Major Initiatives Program seeks to raise the global reach and visibility of VCU while linking research, teaching and community engagement efforts. The kinds of projects this program will fund might include (but would not be restricted to) one or more of the following components:

- The recruitment and/or meaningful engagement of international students and scholars on VCU campuses.
- The advancement of promising international research and scholarship, particularly that which incorporates VCU students and scholars.
- The development of innovative curricula that strengthen the preparation of VCU students and scholars for an increasingly global future.
- The institution of novel Education Abroad programs that engage significant and/or previously underserved populations.
- The implementation of programs that will increase international and multicultural understanding of previously underserved constituencies in the university's communities.

These awards are not intended to fund one-time events, attendance at professional meetings, equipment purchases or other expenses typically covered by existing budgets. While no fixed number of the awards has been set, we anticipate awarding 5 grants of approximately **\$50,000**. The final number and amount of awards will depend on the merits of each proposal as determined by reviewers.

The GEO International Partnerships Major Initiatives Award proposal must include:

- The proposal **narrative**.
- A letter from the Dean and Director/Chair of each unit involved addressing the proposal's fit with the unit's strategic goals and metrics of Quest for Distinction.
- A letter of support from the principal participants' supervisor(s) if different than above.
- A letter of support from the participating partnership universities.
- A description of similar or related programs at other universities.
- A detailed budget with a brief justification for each line item.
- A list of all current and pending relevant grants/contracts including the agency/foundation, dates (funded or proposed), budget total (funded or requested), and a statement describing the degree of overlap with the present proposal.
- A letter of support from the relevant Partnership Director(s).
- A current **CV** of the principal participant(s).

The criteria for evaluating proposals include:

- Alignment with unit's strategic goals and metrics of Quest for Distinction.
- Evidence that an award will result in a sustained, significant impact towards internationalizing the University, including market research when appropriate.
- Degree of commitment and cost-share from units and partnership universities.
- Creativity and innovation of proposed work.
- Reflection of current national best practices.
- Track record in successful implementation of complex initiatives.
- Reflection of input from broad range of VCU constituencies, including students and community members.

The completed application should be received by Ms. Elizabeth Hiatt in the Global Education Office by **Friday, May 4, 2012 at 4:30 pm**. Completed applications can be submitted electronically to ehiatt@vcu.edu and/or in hard copy (817 W. Franklin Street, room 104). Awards will be announced by June 15, 2012. Award recipients agree to provide final report at end of award period. Questions should be addressed to R. McKenna Brown, Executive Director, GEO, (828-8471, mbrown@vcu.edu).

We encourage proposals from all units, particularly those in early stages of internationalizing their curricula, research and community outreach.

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Application Submission Form

Date of Submission: _____

Proposal Title: _____

Principal Investigator:

Name : _____

Title and Degrees: _____

VCU Department: _____

VCU Box #: _____

VCU Phone: _____

VCU Fax: _____

VCU E-mail: _____

Co-PI or Student #1 (if applicable):

Name: _____

Title and Degrees: _____

VCU Department: _____

VCU Box #: _____

VCU Phone: _____

VCU Fax: _____

VCU E-mail: _____

Co-PI or Student #2 (if applicable):

Name : _____

Title and Degrees: _____

VCU Department: _____

VCU Box #: _____

VCU Phone: _____

VCU Fax: _____

VCU E-mail: _____

Co-PI or Student #3 (if applicable):

Name: _____

Title and Degrees: _____

VCU Department: _____

VCU Box #: _____

VCU Phone: _____

VCU Fax: _____

VCU E-mail: _____

I have reviewed and approve this proposal, including the proposed budget and any cost-sharing necessary to implement the proposal if funded:

PI's Department Chair or Director: _____ Date: _____

PI's Dean: _____ Date: _____

Application

- I. Narrative of Current Proposal (prepared with 12 Font, one-inch margins, and no longer than twelve double-space pages) must address the following:
- Summary of proposal [1 page limit]
 - Relation to current programming, initiatives, or priorities in the PI's university unit(s) [1 page limit]
 - Description of the work to be done [3 page limit]
 - Anticipated outcomes (address Immediate, Mid-range and Long-term). [2 page limit]
 - Evaluation plan (address Immediate, Mid-range and Long-term). [2 page limit]
 - Detailed time line for work to be done to accomplish immediate, mid-range, and long-term outcomes, specifying that portion to be concluded by the end of the summer 2012. [1 page limit]
 - Significance of the proposed activity to Quest for Distinction. [1 page limit]
 - How will the proposal enhance preparation of our students? What specific opportunities will exist for student participation, especially related to research? [1 page limit]
- II. Appendices
- Budget (Form and instructions available at: www.global.vcu.edu/partnerships)
 - Summary of similar projects/programs that puts the proposed activity in a national and/or institutional context. [2 page limit]
 - Summary of past collaborations that relate to the proposed work. Include a list of all current and pending relevant grants/contracts including the agency/foundation, dates (funded or proposed), budget total (funded or requested), and a statement describing the degree of overlap with the present proposal.
 - Current curriculum vita listing the most important and relevant information that supports the proposal (e.g., education, positions held, honors, publications, grant history, presentations), not to exceed five pages.
 - A letter from the appropriate Partnership Director(s) addressing the proposal's fit with strengths and track record of the partner institution(s).
 - A letter from the Dean and Director/Chair of each unit involved addressing the proposal's fit with the unit's strategic goals and metrics of Quest for Distinction.
 - A letter of support from the principal participants' supervisor(s) if different than above.
 - A letter of support from the participating partnership universities.

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Submission Review Checklist

Please submit the indicated documents in the order shown below.

Top Sheet:

_____ Application Submission Form

Application Packet:

_____ Narrative of Current Proposal

_____ Budget

_____ Summary of similar projects/programs

_____ Current curriculum vita

_____ Letter of support from Dean(s) and Director/Chair(s)

_____ Letter of support from Partnership Director(s)

_____ Letter of support from the principal participants' supervisor(s) if different than above.

_____ Letter of support from the participating partnership universities.

To be completed by Global Education Office Personnel:

Date Proposal Received: _____ Proposal is complete: _____ YES _____ NO

If NO, please identify missing parts:

PI informed and response or action to be taken:

Submitted for Peer Review: _____ Review Completed: _____

Action Taken: _____

Executive Director of GEO: _____ Date: _____