The Global Education Office is pleased to announce the Second Annual International Partnerships Major Initiatives Award program. This program funds projects that take advantage of VCU’s 15 international university partnerships to substantively impact the university, and that will enhance the preparation of VCU students for an increasingly globalized workplace.

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 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.
- The recruitment and/or meaningful engagement of international students and scholars on VCU campuses.

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 limit to the amount of the award has been set, we anticipate awarding 5 grants of approximately $50,000.
The GEO International Partnerships Major Initiatives Award proposal must include:

- The proposal narrative.

- A detailed budget with a brief justification for each line item. Sample budget form available upon request from eihiett@vcu.edu.

- A description of similar or related programs at other universities.

- 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 memo from the Dean and Director/Chair of each unit involved addressing the proposal’s fit with the unit’s strategic goals and commitment of resources.

- A memo of support from the supervisor of each PI, if different than the above.

- A memo of support from the relevant Partnership Director(s).

- A memo of support from appropriate individual(s) at Partnership institution(s).


The criteria for evaluating proposals include:

- Evidence that an award will result in a sustained, significant impact towards internationalizing the university.

- Alignment with and support of unit and institutional strategic goals.

- Degree of commitment and cost-share from units and partnership universities.

- Creativity, innovation and 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, including market research to document interest and/or demand.

The completed application should be received by Ms. Elizabeth Hiett in the Global Education Office by **Friday, April 22, 2011 at 4:30 pm**. Awards will be announced by June 15, 2011. 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.
GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS MAJOR INITIATIVES AWARD 2011-2012

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, and/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 June 30, 2012. [1 page limit]
   - Significance of the proposed activity to **VCU 2020 Recalibration.** [1 page limit]
     http://www.future.vcu.edu/index.html
   - How will the proposal enhance preparation of our students? What specific opportunities will exist for student participation, especially related to research? [1 page limit]

   Note: Total Narrative page limit is less than combined section page limits.

II. **Appendices**
   - **Budget** (Sample budget form available upon request from eihiett@vcu.edu.)
   - **Summary of relevant best practices.** Place the proposed project in a national and/or institutional context. [2 page limit]
   - **Summary of relevant past collaborations.** 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.
   - **A biographical sketch** of the principal participant(s). NIH form at:
   - **Statements of support**
     - from the **Dean** and **Director/Chair** of each unit involved addressing the proposal’s fit with the unit’s strategic goals.
     - from the supervisor of each PI (if distinct from above).
     - from the appropriate **Partnership Director(s)** addressing the proposal’s fit with strengths and track record of the partner institution(s).
     - from the appropriate individual at the partnership institution(s) involved.
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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 biographical sketch of the principal participant(s)
_____ Statements of support from Dean(s), Director/Chair(s) and Partnership Director(s)

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To be completed by Global Education Office Personnel:

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

If NO, please identify missing parts:

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PI informed and response or action to be taken:

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Submitted for Peer Review: ______________ Review Completed: ______________

Action Taken: _________________________________________________________

Executive Director of GEO: ___________________________ Date: ______________