We are pleased to announce the 2016-17 cycle of the Quest Global Impact Awards. This program funds proposals from academic units to develop new and innovative programming in support of VCU’s three global priorities:

- increase the global engagement of VCU students and faculty
- improve the recruitment and retention of international students and scholars
- expand VCU’s global footprint through our research, teaching and service, particularly as they impact global health

Award Categories

International Course Threads Award • To support departments or schools that seeks to create thematically coherent curricular clusters that enrich the global learning of our students by drawing connections based upon topics or themes among groups of existing VCU courses from different disciplines. Students completing three courses from a specified grouping have that choice designated on their transcripts.

Awards in Education Abroad • To support academic units in significantly increasing study abroad enrollment through their participation in the Generation Study Abroad and International Teaching Fellowships.

Virtual Global Classroom Award • Offered in partnership with the Office of Learning Innovation and Student Success to support a department or school that develops a sustainable application of technology in a course or courses that engages VCU students in structured, intentional collaboration with counterparts in other countries as part of their assessed learning.

Collaborative Academic Program Award • To support a department or school that wishes to develop a transfer articulation agreement with a university in another country that will provide a gateway to VCU for international students and/or a gateway to a partner institution for VCU students.

Global Visiting Scholar Award • To support departments or schools wanting to host an international scholar who will enrich the learning and/or scholarship of the unit. Preference is given to proposals that include plans for high impact student experiences, or research collaborations with specific outcomes, such as peer-reviewed publications or external funding proposals.

Faculty Development Seminar • To prepare participants to expand their international academic experiences and enrich the global dimensions of their teaching and research through connections with counterparts abroad. The 2016 Faculty Development Seminar destination is Mexico and Guatemala.