



IIUI-UNCW Grant: A Collaborative Model for Enhanced Teaching, Research, and Community Engagement Mini-Grants and Supported Projects

A. Purpose

IIUI-UNCW Mini-Grants and Supported Projects are the vehicles through which we will achieve the grant's primary goal: to partner with IIUI to design and implement a collaborative model of professional development in teaching, research and community engagement, primarily in Political Science/International Relations and English. Each mini-grant and supported project will address one or more of the following objectives:

- **Objective #1:** Expand faculty teaching expertise at both institutions through in-person and virtual workshops, mentoring, and pedagogical collaborations, including the bidirectional exchange of IIUI and UNCW graduate students.
- **Objective #2:** Increase individual faculty and departmental research capacities via faculty exchanges, collaborations, and mentoring.
- **Objective #3:** Foster student, campus, and regional engagement through activities such as internships, public lecture series, and community dialogues.

These Mini-Grants and Supported Projects will broaden faculty, student, and community involvement in the grant at both institutions.

B. Awards and Activities

The US Department of State (DoS) abides by strict budget and reporting rules that require UNCW to account in detail for all funds disbursed in our grant proposal. In order to maximize the grant's reach, faculty can anticipate support amount ranging from \$500-\$3000. (Additional funds may be available, particularly where projects include matching funds or will have a larger-scale impact.) These funds should seed larger and/or ongoing efforts that address one or more of the objectives outlined above. Recipients should plan to continue to develop their projects over the duration of the grant (until Dec 2017).

Please note that separate funds are available for travel to Islamabad; faculty should indicate in their proposals their objectives (or goals) for traveling to IIUI.

Examples of activities/objective are:

- **Objective #1:** support for large-scale curriculum development projects; design and implementation of linked courses with repository of resources; creation of multi-part curricular module to be delivered in person/virtually; design and delivery of pedagogy workshops
- **Objective #2:** support for collaborative research initiative/project; design and implementation of research seminar/symposium; mentoring junior faculty with the intent to produce collaborative projects.
- **Objective #3:** support for community programming/lectures; development and supervision of student opportunities

C. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be:

- a full-time, nine-month continuing faculty member at UNCW or IIUI.

D. Application Deadline

For consideration the applicant must submit a completed application to the IIUI-UNCW Grant Team at iiui-uncw@uncw.edu by April 30, 2017.

Application Proposal

The application must be written for a multi-disciplinary audience and shall include the following:

- the prescribed cover sheet (see sample below)
- a brief tabular budget (See attached)
- a brief (three page, double-spaced maximum) description of the proposed initiative/project/activity; the applicant **must** address:
 - which objective(s) the i/p/a addresses;
 - when the i/p/a will start and how long it will take to conclude, so projects can be ordered in terms of duration/time to completion;
 - what outcomes the i/p/a will produce and their feasibility in the estimated timeframe;
 - how the grantee plans to develop and sustain the i/p/a for the grant's duration and beyond;
 - how the i/p/a realizes mutual benefits for both institutions; and
 - whether the applicant agrees to participate in the larger grant's assessment and evaluation activities.

E. Selection of Recipients

Procedures

The IIUI-UNCW Project Director will convene with select UNCW faculty to evaluate proposals. The Director will announce the award recipients by **15th of May, 2017**. Applicants whose proposals are returned for revision and re-submission may submit revised applications for re-evaluation by the Advisory Committee. The deadline for resubmission will be announced at the time of the revise/resubmit requests.

Criteria

In evaluating proposals, the committee will assess how well the applicant has:

- articulated the proposal's overall quality in relation to grant goals and objectives;
- outlined the project's timeframe, outcomes, and feasibility;
- demonstrated the project's sustainability;
- identified the project's potential benefits for the applicant, counterpart, UNCW, IIUI, and communities.

The committee will work with applicants on revising promising proposals.

F. Subsequent Responsibilities

Upon receipt of award, the grantee(s) shall be responsible for:

- delivering her/his outcome over the grant's duration
- completing attendant surveys (two surveys, taking approximately 10-15 minutes to complete) and evaluation instruments
- updating the grant team monthly
- maintaining regular contact with IIUI counterpart(s) through established grant communication channels
- participating in Learning Communities and grant Facebook page to discuss progress and share insights
- submitting an end-of-project report (guidelines to follow)
- acknowledging the grant and the DoS formally in any publication/presentation that results from grant-related initiatives



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Proposal Cover Sheet

Name: _____

Department: _____

Title of Proposed Initiative/Project/Activity:

Expected start date: _____

Expected completion date: _____

Semester of previous mini-grant or supported project, if any:

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Department Chair: _____ Date: _____