INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (ISCE)

GLOBAL ISSUES INITIATIVE (GII)

Research Support Program
Applications due October 1, 2012

The Institute for Society, Culture and Environment is pleased to announce the Global Issues Initiative (GII) Research Support Program (RSP). The purpose of the RSP is to enhance faculty scholarship in the social sciences and humanities directed toward global issues with significant implications for the United States. Specifically, GII addresses international policy questions facing the United States at the bilateral, regional, and multilateral levels in such areas as trade and economic integration, global security, public policy, counter-terrorism, and public health and science policy.

This is a broad-based call for innovative research projects within the GII scope. The supported research should align with the research program of the applicant with strong past or potential for significant future support from government agencies, corporations, industrial consortia, or foundations. The RSP will provide financial support to further develop an existing area of research or to develop new expertise in a research area. It is expected that projects will result in at least one publication (journal article; book chapter) and ultimately position faculty to seek external funds to further their research and scholarship in this area.

Eligibility

Proposals are welcome from any and all departments, centers and programs at Virginia Tech. However, the PI must be a full-time, tenure-track faculty member whose research and scholarship is grounded in the social sciences or humanities. Priority will be given to faculty members in a college represented by the ISCE stakeholders (i.e., Liberal Arts and Human Sciences [CLAHS], College of Science [COS], Pamplin College of Business [PCB], Architecture and Urban Studies [CAUS] or core member of an ISCE supported/associated center.

Funding Availability

GII anticipates funding two to four RSP projects beginning in January 2013. Projects may be up to 12 months in duration. Funding for each project will be between $15,000 and $40,000. Examples of appropriate uses of funds include (but are not limited to), graduate research assistantships, data acquisition, domestic or international travel (for project needs/not conference travel), course buyouts, and external collaboration. Office space is optionally available at the new Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington for use during the RSP project. The Arlington Center provides ready access to many resources in Washington DC.

Application Guidelines

Applications must include (a) signed cover sheet (attached) and (b) proposal narrative of up to six pages addressing the following:

1. Description of the proposed research including a problem statement, brief review of relevant existing studies, study hypotheses or research questions, research/study design, sources of data, and implications for policy development/change.
2. Specific work plan for the award period, including milestones and timeline

3. Itemized budget and justification for use of funds in fiscal years 2013 (Jan 1 – June 14) and 2014 (July 1 – Dec 31)

Submission Requirements and Deadline

Applications are to be prepared single-spaced using 1-inch margins. Submit an e-copy of the complete application and signed coversheet to Professor David Orden, GII Director, **orden@vt.edu,** by **5:00 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2012**.

Review Process and Notification of Awards

RSP proposals will be reviewed by as three-member panel. Finalists may be asked to meet with the review panel for a brief interview about the project.

Awards will be announced by November 15, 2012.

Questions

Please contact:
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Name (PI)	**Campus Address**
Rank/Title	**Email Address**
College	**Telephone Number**
Department	**Fax Number**

Title of the Proposal

Total Amount Requested:	**Co-Investigator(s):** ☐ **No** ☐ **Yes – Name/Dept/Email:**

Name of Principal Investigator (print)   **Signature**   **Date**

Names of Co-Principal Investigator(s) (print)   **Signature**   **Date**

Signature of Department Head/Chair or Center Director I support the faculty member's participation in the RSP and understand that ISCE-GII will transfer funds to the identified department/center to be used for designated expenses in accordance with University policies. All unused funds will be returned to ISCE-GII.

Name of Department Head/Chair (for PI)   **Signature**   **Date**

Name of Department Head/Chair (for co-PI(s))   **Signature**   **Date**