

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (ISCE)

GLOBAL ISSUES INITIATIVE (GII)

Research Support Program, 2013-14

Applications due October 14, 2013

The Institute for Society, Culture and Environment is pleased to announce the 2013-14 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 2014. Projects may be up to 12 months in duration. Funding for each project will be between \$10,000 and \$30,000. 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 2014 (Jan 1 – June 14) and 2015 (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 14, 2013**.

Review Process and Notification of Awards

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

Awards will be announced by November 20, 2013.

RSP Awards, 2012-13

Plutonium Production in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea before 2003 and Antineutrino Reactor Safeguards

Patrick Huber, Associate Professor, Department of Physics

Religion and Political Violence: Twentieth Century Latin American and the Middle Eastern Discourses on Religious Justifications of Political Violence

Bettina Koch, Associate Professor, Political Science

Security, Conflict, and Environmental Manipulation in the Middle East

Ariel Ahram, Assistant Professor, School of Public and International Affairs (National Capitol Region)

Global Age-Friendly Communities Initiative: Policy in Action for Active Aging

Eunju Hwang, Assistant Professor, and Julia Beamish, Professor, Department of Apparel, Housing and Resource Management, with collaborators at Simon Fraser University, University of Hong Kong, and Jeju Development Institute, Korea

Questions

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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): <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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