

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (ISCE)

GLOBAL ISSUES INITIATIVE (GII)

**Research Support Program, 2014-15**

Applications due November 17, 2014

The Institute for Society, Culture and Environment is pleased to announce the 2014-15 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. It is expected that projects will result in at least one publication (journal article; book chapter) and 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 having start dates within the period January 1 – June 30, 2015. Projects may extend through Fiscal Year 2016 (June 2016). 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, student wages, data acquisition, project-related domestic or international travel, course buyouts, and external collaboration. Office space is optionally available at the 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. Potential external funding sources and submission date to advance the work initiated as part of the RSP;
4. Itemized budget and justification (using attached form) for use of funds in fiscal years 2015 (Jan 1 – June 30) and 2016 (July, 2015 – June 30, 2016).

### **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 (see below) to Professor David Orden, GII Director, [orden@vt.edu](mailto:orden@vt.edu), by **5:00 p.m. Monday, November 17, 2014**. Received applications will be acknowledged.

### **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 December 15, 2014.

### **Questions**

Please contact:  
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## Previous ISCE-GII RSP Awards

### 2013-14 Awards

#### **Security, Inequality and Gender in El Salvador, Guatemala and Peru**

Ilja A. Luciak, Professor, Department of Political Science, Nick Copeland, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, and Zac Zimmer, Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures

#### **The Political Economy of Pension Finance in Latin America**

Giselle Datz, Associate Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, National Capital Region

#### **Building a common language around the dynamic resilience of coastal communities**

Christopher Zobel, Professor, Department of Business Information Technology; Yang Zhang, Assistant Professor, and Margaret Cowell, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning; C. Guney Olgun, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Robert Weiss, Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences; Mohsen Ghafory-Ashtiany, Professor, International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

#### **Multilateral Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policies Based on Shared Successes: Adoption of Residential Energy Efficient Technologies in the United States and the European Union**

Bradford Mills, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Joachim Schleich, Professor, Grenoble Ecole de Management, France, and Anthony Murray, Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA

### 2012-13 Awards

#### ***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

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT GLOBAL ISSUES INITIATIVE  <b>Research Support Program Application</b> 2014-15 Application Cover Sheet (please print or type)		Leave blank-for internal use only
<b>Name (PI)</b>	<b>Campus Address</b>	
<b>Rank/Title</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>College</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Fax Number</b>	
<b>Title of the Proposal</b>		
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>	<b>Co-Investigator(s):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Name/Dept/Email:	
<b>Name of Principal Investigator (print)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Names of Co-Principal Investigator(s) (print)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Signature of Department Head/Chair or Center Director</b> 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.		
<b>Name of Department Head/Chair (for PI)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Name of Department Head/Chair (for co-PI(s))</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE)  
2014-15 ISCE-GII Research Support Program (RSP)**

**I. Itemized Budget**

Directions: Total budget may not exceed \$30,000.

Request	FY 15 (Jan – June)	FY 16 (July – June)	TOTAL Request
<b>Faculty/Student Support</b>			
<b>External Collaborators/Consultants</b>			
<b>Travel</b>			
<b>Data Acquisition</b>			
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Total</b>			

**II. Budget Justification**