

International Collaboration Grants (ICGs)

Overview: Up to four International Collaboration Grants, each in the amount of \$2,500 (gross), will be awarded each fiscal year. ICGs are awarded for work that involves collaboration between Francis Marion University faculty and its international exchange partners. ICGs are available for tenured and tenure-track faculty on a competitive basis. It is within the committee's purview to recommend approval of fewer than four grants.

Purpose: ICGs are intended to foster collaboration between FMU faculty and faculty at its international exchange partners. The quality of the proposal and supporting materials must be sufficient to convince the committee that the project is worthy of support. In evaluating applications, the International Programs Committee will consider (but is not limited to) the following criteria:

- Proposals to travel for a meeting to initiate a research project between FMU faculty and faculty at our international exchange partners.
- Proposals for research leading to publication (or its equivalent) to be done in conjunction with faculty of our international exchange partners.
- Proposals for funding of resources (student workers, equipment, software, etc.) to facilitate a research project in conjunction with faculty at our international exchange partners.
- Proposals for travel to a location other than one of our exchange partners for research in conjunction with faculty at our exchange partners.
- Proposals involving a teaching exchange between an FMU faculty member and a faculty member at one of our international exchange partners.

Considerations: Priority will be given to applicants who have not travelled abroad on a university-sponsored trip during the last academic year (excepting travel that has been sponsored by the Professional Development or as a part of the Faculty International Orientation (FIO) program).

Application Procedure: Applicants should send their applications as an email attachment to the Director of International Programs (jblackwell@fmarion.edu), including the following:

- A cover letter outlining the proposed project, indicating also the applicant's length of service at FMU and previous university-sponsored international trips.
- A thorough description of the research or artistic project, including methodology, and projected outcome(s), particularly for a non-research project (e.g., an art show or recital) and an explanation of how this project will contribute to the applicant's respective field. For a teaching exchange, a thorough description, including syllabus, of the course(s) being taught and participation in other academic activities.

- A letter of recommendation from the applicant's dean or department chair stating how the department or school plans to manage any staffing or other concerns resulting from the research, project, or teaching exchange.

NOTE: As the burden is on the applicant to explain the project and its significance, all areas mentioned above should be addressed as specifically as possible and for an audience of non-specialists.

Additional Funding: Recipients may apply for additional funding from the Professional Development Committee for travel, supplies, etc., in conjunction with an ICG.

Successful Applicants: Recipients will provide a brief progress report regarding their projects to the Provost midway through the research project (no later than July 15) and a copy to the Director of International Programs. At the start of the following fall semester, award recipients will provide a one-page report describing the progress made on the project. This report should be delivered to the Provost and a copy forwarded to the Director of International Programs no later than September 15.

Deadlines: Applications are due to the Director of International Programs before 5 p.m. on **November 9, 2016**. The committee's recommendation will be made to the Provost no later than November 16.

Notes: Applicants are reminded that applications generally outnumber available grants, and meritorious projects cannot always be funded. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply.

FMU International Programs Committee: T. Alissa Warters, *ex officio*; J. Mark Blackwell, Chair; Lorna Cintron-Gonzalez; William T. Daniel; Rebecca H. Flannagan; Karen Fries; George Harding III; Charles E. Jeffcoat; Natalie P. Johnson; Travis W. Knowles; Hari Rajagopalan; Hubert H. Setzler; Russell E. Ward; Elizabeth A. Zahnd.