Office of International Programs Grants

Asian Initiative Research grants  (Fall)
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MEMORANDUM

To:  Deans, Department Heads, Directors, and West Lafayette campus faculty

From:  Matthew Sikora, Asian Initiative Coordinator

Date:  12 September 2007

Re:  Asian Initiative Research grants

Purdue’s Asian Initiative, together with the Office of International Programs, is pleased to announce its Fall 2007 grant competition to support faculty in the development of research collaborations with strategic partners in India and China. The goals of the Asian Initiative Research (AIR) grant program also include recruitment of international students, promotion of study abroad opportunities for Purdue students, and furthering alumni relations and fundraising activities.

Grants will be in the range of $5000-$10,000 to support activities that produce early, tangible results with the potential to attract significant outside funding and support. Although research and development collaboration are the main foci of this grant program, all projects must include a graduate or undergraduate research internship component.

Grants are intended to be used as seed money for new initiatives, and not as continued funding for projects already underway. Grants can be used for travel or any other activity that is essential to the creation of collaborative relationships. Matching funds are strongly encouraged.

This program provides awards to Purdue faculty and staff on the West Lafayette campus developing projects with universities, foundations, corporations, NGOs and/or government
organizations in India and China, but proposals involving key partner institutions are a priority (contact the Asian Initiative Coordinator for a current list of partner institutions). High priority will also be accorded to proposals that leverage external funds and that show potential for long-term outside support.

Interested faculty can respond to the RFP by submitting a one-page concept paper. From these preliminary submissions, the Asian Initiative Steering Committee will select a subset of workable proposals and invite these applicants to develop a detailed five-page proposal for final submission. Successful proposals are awarded grants, and accounts are established in the home department of the faculty member.

A one-page “concept paper” should include the following:

- The nature of the project you wish to undertake;
- Its strategic importance for Purdue within the context of the Asian Initiative;
- An outline of the approach you intend to take, and how Asian Initiative grant money would be used (please provide a detailed budget);
- The specific benefits, outcomes, or results you hope to obtain; and
- A brief timetable for action, together with specific next steps.

The concept paper should be submitted electronically to Matthew Sikora (mvsikora@purdue.edu) no later than 12 October 2007. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to meet one-on-one with the Asian Initiative Coordinator for instruction and guidance in developing their proposals.

By the end of October 2007, the Asian Initiative Committee will select a limited number of concept papers for additional consideration. The Committee can meet with the authors of these papers for individual consultation and the development of a full (5 page) proposal, to be submitted electronically no later than 29 November 2007.

Grant winners will be announced during the week of 17 December 2007. It is anticipated that up to five proposals will be funded for this competition. Recipients of previous AIR and VICS grants are not eligible to apply.

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