

**Title:** Global Partners (GP) Grants for Faculty and Staff

**Objective:** To familiarize faculty and academic support staff with our overseas strategic partner institutions, and the cities, regions, and cultures in which they are found, so that faculty and staff may better serve as advocates for study abroad when advising students and designing curriculum and plans of study.

This program will support international travel by a group of faculty and support staff who work directly with students in developing programs of study. Travel will be to a city or region where Purdue is building or maintains strategic linkages, and the destination will rotate each year. Up to ten faculty and staff will comprise a class which will travel abroad for two weeks in early summer under the direction of the Office of International Programs.

**Timeline:** An RFP will be issued in the Fall semester. Applicants submit three-page proposals in late Fall, and selection of staff and faculty occurs in Winter to allow planning for Summer travel.

**Eligibility:** Eligible participants include support staff such as academic advisors or staff responsible for recruitment, student services, or honors programs, among others. Eligible faculty might include academic advisors, curriculum committee chairs, international programs committee chairs, faculty teaching required or core courses, or other faculty in a leadership role in working with individual students or student groups.

No prior overseas knowledge is required to apply, and the program is available to both those with little to no international experience as well as to those who have.

**Process:** Interested faculty and staff should submit a proposal to International Programs outlining why they would like to go, what they expect to achieve, and how this links to their role with students and their department's plans for internationalization, specifically, the development of new or the expansion of existing study abroad program options.

Proposals should be no more than three pages long and should include the following:

- A description of your position (including department name and College) and how it interfaces with students;
- A description of your goals for the travel program. How would participation assist you in working with students as they plan their degree programs at Purdue? How might this new knowledge and experience translate into student decisions to study abroad?
- An explanation of how this program fits into a wider strategic plan for internationalization in your department; and
- A proposed plan for how you might share this experience with colleagues in your unit and others.

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