Title: Visiting Indian and Chinese Scholars (VICS) Grants

Objective: To bring to the West Lafayette campus high-caliber scholars from strategic institutions in China and India for a period of up to one semester. The goal of this program is to stimulate substantive, world-class research collaboration between Purdue and Chinese and Indian institutions, and to strengthen faculty and student exchange with these institutions.

Each visiting scholar will receive a stipend, which can be used for room & board, airfare, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs (domestic professional travel, research supplies and expenses, etc.) as needed. Salaries during the time of the scholar’s visit are to be provided by his/her home institution.

Scholars will be required – as part of an International Programs Lecture Series – to give a public lecture on a general topic of interest to the Purdue community. And the scholar and host unit will be asked to submit a full final report on the scholar’s activities at Purdue as well as plans for additional future interaction.

Awarded funds will go directly to Colleges/Schools of selected candidates, as they are expected to provide the support and supervision necessary during the scholar’s stay. Grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded. The amount of each grant will reflect the length of time the visiting scholar will stay on campus, and extra consideration will be given to those proposals which invite a scholar to remain at Purdue for a longer period of time. Matching funds are encouraged.

Timeline: Proposals will be solicited, and grants awarded, at least one time in both Spring and Fall.

Eligibility: All academic units or Centers may nominate scholars.

Process: Interested faculty will submit a nominating proposal to their respective Dean. Deans will screen nominations and forward finalists to the Dean of International Programs. Proposals will be reviewed and final candidates selected by the Asian Initiative Advisory Committee.

Those academic units/centers with successful nominations will be invited by International Programs to an orientation workshop which will provide guidelines and specific steps to ensure smooth implementation of the visit and a high quality experience for the visiting scholar.

Proposals should include:

- A résumé or CV of the proposed scholar
- Written confirmation from the proposed scholar that he/she is able and willing to visit Purdue for the proposed time period
- A short description (not to exceed five pages in length) that includes:
  - The type of research the visiting scholar will conduct while on campus
  - A description of the support the academic unit will provide to the scholar
o A detailed timetable for inviting the scholar, and specific steps to be taken to ensure timely arrival, including coordination with International Students and Scholars regarding visa issues

o Brief statements of interest from both the scholar and the Purdue academic unit inviting him/her. Statements should be at least one or two paragraphs and include: 1) a description of why the individual is a strategic scholar to invite to campus and 2) how his/her presence, research, and activities will further the goals of stimulating research and student/faculty exchange activities with Purdue. Please also include the broader benefits this scholar will bring to the academic unit and the university as a whole.

o A detailed budget estimate for the length of the scholar’s stay

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