

UW COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GRANT PROGRAM
Request for Proposals
September, 2009

Thanks to a generous private donor, the UW College of Agriculture has an endowment to further globalize its personnel and programs. Projects supported by Global Perspectives competitive grants should foster mutually beneficial, sustainable relationships with global partners in addition to increasing the international experience and expertise within the college. Funds may be used for international travel to support College of Agriculture faculty and academic professionals, to bring in foreign visitors who will actively participate in activities that contribute to a better understanding of global issues, or to increase research on how to enhance Wyoming's competitiveness in world markets. Global Perspectives grants, however, will not support student overseas travel, foreign internships, or study-abroad programs. Appropriate expenses include, but are not limited to, communication expenses, travel, committee expenses, supplies, and seed money for collaborative research, instructional, or extension projects that address global issues consistent with the identified focus areas in the college. The college will focus on agriculture, renewable natural resources, rural communities, and applied life sciences pertinent to the state of Wyoming.

Procedures:

College of Agriculture faculty and academic professionals are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Project proposals may request funding for no more than one year and for up to \$4,000 per project. Any funding unexpended at the end of the project must be returned to the Global Perspectives program. Based on available resources, up to six projects will be funded in the Fall 2009 competition. A project may request funds in accordance with the following:

- 1) Applicants must complete the two-page Global Perspectives Grant Application form (see attachment) and construct a well-written and well-documented two-page proposal that describes essential elements of the project (e.g., basis for project, methods, expected outcomes, and future cooperation). *Arrangements with foreign hosts and partners must be documented in attachments to the grant application.*
- 2) Applicants will submit their proposals *via e-mail* to their department head/chair or director. Heads and directors will rank their unit's applications and forward the prioritized proposals to the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station (aes@uwyo.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2009. Awards will be announced by Friday, December 4, 2009.
- 3) The dean, working in concert with the Global Perspectives Review Committee¹, will select the proposals that best satisfy the Global Perspectives criteria for awards. Grant awards will be announced and brief written review comments will be furnished to all applicants.

¹ The Global Perspectives Review Committee is composed of the Director of UW International Programs, one University Extension Educator, and three faculty or academic professionals representing teaching, research, and extension. Except for the Director of International Programs, terms are rotated on a four-year basis.

- 4) Faculty and academic professionals who receive funding under this program must expend the funds within one year after receiving funding. *A brief (one to two pages) written report must be submitted electronically to the dean and the AES office within a month upon returning to UW.* These reports should document results of all activities planned in the proposal, describe any future plans, and outline potential impacts. These reports will be forwarded to our benefactor as a courtesy.
- 5) *Proposals may be submitted to both UW International Travel Grants and UW College of Agriculture Global Perspectives. An award from either program does not preclude an award from the other program*
- 6) Questions? Contact the Agricultural Experiment Station office (aes@uwyo.edu or 766.3667).

Criteria:

Priority will be given to projects with the greatest potential to:

- 1) provide benefits to the College of Agriculture and state of Wyoming consistent with the strategies and priorities of the college's current strategic plan;
- 2) foster meaningful cooperation that addresses common issues between the College of Agriculture and its global partners;
- 3) increase global perspectives content within teaching, research, and extension programs;
- 4) enhance the external funding of the college; and
- 5) increase the capacity of faculty and academic professionals to value cultural differences, understand global issues, and work with global partners.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GRANT APPLICATION

Applicants must complete this two-page application form and submit it with a two-page detailed proposal plus documentation of arrangements and agreements with host institutions. See announcement for details. Electronic submission of the proposal is requested.

Name: _____

Department: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Project Title: _____

Duration of Project: _____

Amount Requested: _____

(maximum request: \$4,000 per project)

Outside Match: _____ (an outside match is always viewed favorably)

Have you previously received a Global Perspectives grant?

Yes _____ No _____

Date _____ Amount _____

PROJECT OBJECTIVES (state specific project objectives):

PROJECT BENEFITS (include how the project addresses one or more of the established criteria and anticipated products):

PROJECT BUDGET (provide list of expenditures, source of funds, and amount requested):

FOLLOW-UP PLANS (potential future efforts and evaluation of impacts from project):

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS (Please attach documents of arrangements and agreements with host individuals or institutions)