

MUSKINGUM

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Academic Affairs

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to announce the continuance of the “Enhancing International Learning” grants. The current round of grant funding seeks to promote initiatives aimed at sustainable efforts which:

- Infuse greater internationalized content into the Muskingum University curriculum.
- Create opportunities for students to engage in cross-cultural inquiries, including those which might also involve cross-disciplinary perspectives.
- Promote an environment of enhanced international collaboration, research, publication, outreach and engagement by Muskingum University faculty.
- Encourage the development and use of innovative teaching and/or learning techniques.
- Leverage technologies, and
- Reduce costs and the university’s carbon footprint.

The goal of this initiative is to seed and support instructional initiatives that will serve as innovative models for the university to build upon, and which will result in sustained benefits to Muskingum University students and faculty, as well as to our local, regional and global communities.

- Special consideration will be given to under-represented or non-traditional disciplines in international education, and to academic fields at Muskingum University in which the number of courses with significant international content is currently limited.
- Similarly favored are:
 - Proposals which include a plan for collaborative, cross-national teaching – or service-learning - connecting Muskingum University students and faculty with counter-parts abroad.
 - Proposals which leverage technology.

Grant recipients are required to prepare a written report, plus a presentation on their finished project for delivery to the university community.

Internationalization in Higher Education: What Is It?

Perhaps the most commonly used definition of internationalization in higher education is the formulation by Jane Knight and Hans de Wit (Knight, 2005), which sees internationalization as: “the process of integrating an international, intercultural and/or global dimension into the goals, functions (teaching/learning, research, services) and delivery of higher education.”

According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), internationalization is “the complex of processes whose combined effect, whether planned or not, is to enhance the international dimension of the experience of higher education in universities and similar educational institutions.”¹

Eligibility

Grants are open to all full-time faculty of Muskingum University with a continuing contract. Grant applications may include staff and part-time faculty participation where appropriate or warranted.

¹ For more information on internationalization, see: www.unesco.org/iau/internationalization/index.html

- Priority is given to proposals involving Muskingum University faculty with limited or no prior experience internationally.
- Individual faculty generally may only make application for two grants within any five-year calendar period. Consideration for eligibility beyond these limits – including those in collaboration – is at the discretion of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Awards

Grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are available, and generally must be expended within the academic year of the grant's awarding. Depending upon the number of proposals and the amounts of support requested, the Office of Academic Affairs anticipates the awarding of four to five grants.

The funds may be used to support:

- Purchase of materials or technology essential for the project;²
- International or domestic travel necessary to set up and/or implement the project;
- Summer salary supplements;
- Stipends for undergraduate (preferred) and/or graduate student workers to assist with the project;
- Other justifiable necessary expenses.

Matching or supplemental support from the division or department is not necessary, but will be viewed favorably as a signal of the importance of the project to the division or department(s), and as a measure to extend the pool of awards.

Limits and Restrictions

So as to better extend opportunities and participation to as wide a university population as possible:

- Grants must be expended within the period awarded.
- Monies awarded may not be "carried-over."
 - Any unexpended monies will be used to expand future availabilities.
- Awards and monies are non-transferable.
- Recipients are to acknowledge in press reports (etc.) that the undertaking was supported by funding from the Academic Affairs office's "Enhancing International Learning" grant program.

Report

A written (electronic) summary report on the project is to be submitted to Academic Affairs by the end of the first week of classes of the Fall semester following the project's completion. The report is to include:

- An accounting of how internationalization grant funds were expended.
- A description of activities undertaken and how each of the activities advanced the project's goals.
- A discussion of the ways in which the project contributes to internationalization efforts at Muskingum University.
- Plans for sustaining the project's efforts beyond the grant period.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Completed application form, with budget attached.
 - Available in electronic format from Academic Affairs webpage, under "Forms."
2. Curriculum vitae of grant applicants and participants.
 - Include responsibilities and brief description of qualifications.
3. Letter of endorsement from Department Chair.

Application: Academic Affairs "Forms" web-page.

DEADLINE: October 31st.

² Any equipment (other than expendables), including but not limited to, software or other accessories of a durable nature, purchased with grant funds becomes the property of Muskingum University