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MEMORANDUM

TO: UF/IFAS Faculty

FROM: Jackie Burns, UF/IFAS Dean for Research
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Rosalie Koenig, Interim Director of UF/IFAS Global

SUBJECT: 2017 Call for UF/IFAS Mid-Career International Travel Awards

Overview: UF/IFAS is committed to helping mid-career faculty establish a diversified portfolio of accomplishments. As international programs are becoming increasingly important to faculty development at the University of Florida, we created the UF/IFAS Mid-Career International Travel Award program to assist with travel costs. Under this program, proposals are requested from *tenured Associate Professors* in UF/IFAS to initiate or strengthen an international program. This award will help fund an international trip for the faculty member and at least one graduate student from the faculty member's program. The award is also intended to serve as a catalyst for our students' engagement in international programs under the faculty member's guidance. The faculty member and graduate student(s) are expected to travel simultaneously.

Size and Timing of Awards: A total of up to \$100,000 will be awarded to at least 10 tenured Associate Professors and at least one graduate student from the faculty member's program. The maximum individual award will be \$10,000. Proposals are due January 24, 2017. Awards will be announced in mid-February 2017. Travel must be completed within one year.

Eligibility: The PI must be a tenured Associate Professor by December 1, 2016 and have a tenure home in UF/IFAS. The graduate student(s) must be enrolled in a CALS graduate degree program before the travel begins. An individual PI and student(s) are eligible to receive only one award.

Award Scope and Criteria: The intent of the funding is to provide travel support to mid-career faculty to establish or strengthen an international research program that integrates graduate students. These funds should be used to "jumpstart" or enhance a focused international program and provide a platform for future success. Funds may be used only for the destination, purpose, and dates indicated in the proposal. The funds may not be used to travel for the sole purpose of attending an international conference, but instead should focus on meeting new collaborators and initiating a new (or strengthening an existing) well-planned international research agenda. As such, an invitation letter from the proposed host institution or collaborator is required.

Proposal Evaluation: Requests will be evaluated to determine the linkage between the UF/IFAS faculty program and destination international program, and potential impacts on the faculty program and graduate experience. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- 1) Rationale and goal(s) (e.g., intent to respond to future RFPs for external funding, expansion or improvement of CALS teaching programs, linkages between professional development and research program, plans for continued international engagement with collaborators at foreign institutions, etc.);
- 2) Potential outcomes and impacts to faculty and student awardee(s) and UF/IFAS; and
- 3) Evidence of strong and promising collaboration at an international or foreign institution or agency.

How to Apply: Please go to the following website <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/travel/> to enter the cover page information and upload your proposal and invitation(s). All proposals must be submitted through this website and are due on **January 24, 2017**. The information requested includes:

- a) Cover page (on-line form):
 - Project title
 - Faculty information (name, unit, email, phone number, and appointment split)
 - Graduate student information (name, email, and degree program)
 - Total budget request (\leq \$10,000)
 - Summary of the planned activity (100 words maximum)
- b) Proposal (uploaded file – 3 page maximum) with the following:
 - Summary of current international engagement, including goals
 - Details of proposed visit (name, affiliation, and location of partner and visit)
 - Purpose and objective of visit including previous interactions with the partner (if applicable)
 - Expected outcomes of the visit
 - Budget and budget justification
- c) Letter(s) of invitation (uploaded file)

Submission Process: Upon submission, PIs will receive an immediate email confirmation. If you have any other questions, please contact Sherry Larkin, Associate Dean for Research, at slarkin@ufl.edu. For technical issues concerning the website contact Brian Gray at seven7@ufl.edu.

Reporting Requirements: A one-page report will be expected by no more than 30 days after the travel has ended. The report shall describe the programs begun or strengthened, the international linkages established, the graduate student experience, agency(s) targeted for future funding, and next steps. The report should be submitted through the same site as an uploaded file. In addition, the site will accept up to three images for upload that best capture the collaboration.