

## **Announcement: Call for Proposals Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) – Summer 2009**

### **Goals**

The Brown International Advanced Research Institutes, under the direction of International Affairs, has been established as part of the University's Internationalization Initiative. Beginning in June 2009, BIARI proposes to launch an annual series of Brown International Advanced Research Institutes, co-sponsored by Santander Universidades. Each Institute, organized by discipline, will convene a rising generation of scholars from emerging markets and the global South, bringing them together with leading scholars in their field, to engage in high-level international intellectual and policy conversations. The institutes are designed to foster international intellectual networks and to provide needed professional development opportunities for young scholars embarking on lives in research and teaching. We expect the Brown Advanced Research Institutes to make a significant contribution to global research through transnational academic collaboration while expanding Brown's visibility as a global university.

### **Call for Proposals**

**International Affairs is seeking proposals from Brown University Departments, Institutes and Programs interested in convening and organizing a Brown International Advanced Research Institute in June 2009.**

The Office of International Affairs will consider funding a small number of proposals for BIARIs in summer 2009. BIARI funding will include all direct costs of mounting an Institute. In particular, BIARI is committed to providing the funding necessary to defray the participation costs of scholars from the global South and emerging markets who are unable to obtain funding from their respective institutions.

### **BIARI Guidelines**

#### **Topic: a discipline or field**

Each BIARI should be designed with a view to (1) promoting cutting-edge research within a field or discipline; (2) encouraging new approaches to the field--including interdisciplinary approaches; and (3) encouraging a reconsideration of the field's canonical questions and works from multiple international perspectives. It may be appropriate to focus a BIARI on a specific theme within the discipline that is a priority for internationalized scholarship.

Special consideration will be given to proposals that encompass multi-year research topics, involving a series of interrelated BIARIs, and to those emerging from Brown University Departments, Institutes and Programs with exceptional existing strengths, designed to enhance their international presence.

## **Design**

An Institute may be from one to four weeks as appropriate, to be held in June 2009. The objective is not to hold a conference, although a conference may be an element in a larger proposal. The goal is to offer an alumni experience to a group of junior faculty from across the globe, bringing them in contact with one another, with leading scholars in their field from Brown and other institutions, and, potentially, with junior faculty colleagues from leading American universities.

Institutes should be envisioned as immersion experiences in which BIARI participants engage with each other in an intensive and sustained manner in both formal and informal settings over the course of the Institute. Events may include a mix of seminar style sessions, roundtables, conferences, lectures, etc. but the emphasis should be on training and providing a platform for meaningful engagement between emerging and established scholars from the global North and South. Where appropriate, lab experience, instruction in new research methods, or field trips may be incorporated in BIARI design.

## **Participants**

Normally, an Institute should seek to bring together between thirty to fifty participants, of whom at least half will be rising scholars from the global South. Participants should include key national and global experts in the field, and leading and emerging Brown scholars.

## **Proposals**

Proposals should provide the following information:

1. Sponsoring Department, Institute or Program. Identify a lead Brown faculty member and an organizing committee, if appropriate.
2. Other Brown faculty, scholars, staff and resources that will be involved with or committed to the Institute.
3. Topic and structure of the proposed BIARI. Including proposed duration and format. Please indicate the academic/educational/training objectives for the Institute and the suitability of the proposed design for promoting sustained engagement among emerging and leading scholars across the globe.
4. Fit with BIARI objectives. In particular, please indicate how the proposed Institute would create new opportunities for sharing research, professional recognition and engagement with experts in their discipline for young academics from the global south.
5. Brown as host. Please indicate why Brown is an appropriate venue for hosting the proposed BIARI. In particular, please describe the existing academic strengths on which Brown would be building. Brown faculty who would contribute or attend, including those from other departments or programs.

6. Scholarly networks: How do you propose to identify promising younger scholars from the global South and emerging markets? Would the BIARI be planned or implemented in collaboration with any existing scholarly networks or institutional affiliations?
7. Participants. If possible, provide a preliminary list of potential BIARI participants and their institutional affiliations. How many participants do you anticipate will need funding?

Please provide any additional information you think may be relevant.

**Selection criteria**

BIARI proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee in light of the degree to which they promote BIARI goals and are consistent with BIARI guidelines.

**Timeline**

A preliminary indication of intention to submit a proposal should be communicated to the Office of International Affairs as soon as possible, and no later than November 15th. BIARI proposals should be submitted to Ms. Katherine Perry in the Office of the International Affairs by December 1st, 2008. Decisions will be announced before the end of the semester.

**Further information on BIARI is available at:**

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/International\\_Affairs/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/International_Affairs/)

Questions regarding the BIARI application process may be directed to any of the following:

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