

Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research

The Office of Global Engagement's (OGE) **Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research** grant opportunity supports Brown University faculty to conduct individual or collaborative research abroad for a period of two to six weeks. The program seeks to strengthen [existing](#) and/or [create Brown international partnerships](#) that have the potential to be expanded and sustained over time.

Eligibility:

- Any faculty member at any rank or any senior lecturer active in research is eligible. Emeritus, adjunct, visiting, and faculty in clinical (non campus-based) departments, as well as post docs, are not eligible for support.
- As part of its strategic mission, the OGE wishes to support sustainable links with [current](#) and potential new institutional partners; therefore we encourage applications from faculty members 1) whose research activities evidence nascent or long-standing collaborations with institutions that are not currently formal partners with Brown University or 2) whose research is conducted at/with current Brown [partner institutions](#). In both instances, grantees will serve as *Global Brown Ambassadors* creating visibility for Brown abroad by strengthening and expanding existing ties or developing new relationships.
- Faculty seeking funds must also demonstrate that the research aligns with one (or more) of the seven themes of integrative scholarship and education, as described in the University's strategic plan, [Building on Distinction: A New Plan for Brown](#), and outlined as follows:
 1. Cultivating Creative Expression
 2. Understanding the Human Brain
 3. Sustaining Life on Earth
 4. Creating Peaceful, Just, and Prosperous Societies
 5. Exploring Human Experience
 6. Using Science and Technology to Improve Lives
 7. Deciphering Disease and Improving Population Health

Award Specifications and Conditions:

Awards support faculty research abroad for a period of two to six weeks and range between \$1,800 and \$8,000 depending on the region where research will be conducted and the length of in-country stay. Award funds apply to reasonable and necessary costs of conducting research abroad. Allowable expenses include: round-trip economy air travel to one international destination, visas, accommodations, and subsistence costs. Awards do not support travel to conferences or support anyone other than the grantee. Applicants are expected to demonstrate evidence of procurement of additional funds from other entities (in-kind, internal, or external) to offset costs of the project.

Selection Criteria:

Proposals will be considered and evaluated by a committee of faculty and administrators who will make award recommendations to the Associate Provost for Global Engagement. Reviewers will consider the following criteria to evaluate proposals: 1) the intellectual significance of the proposed research project, including its potential contribution to scholarship, impact on the

applicant's broader academic field of study, and adherence to the University's defined integrative themes; 2) the clarity of proposed research questions, feasibility of the work plan, and justification for research at the proposed international site; 3) the evidence demonstrating prior or desired research activities at the proposed institution abroad or with scholar(s) at that institution; 4) the concrete plan for dissemination of research outcomes and where appropriate, the project's previous record of success; 5) the reasonableness of the proposed budget in relation to projected results. Only current research projects of exceptional value or proposed research activity of exceptional promise will be funded. Retroactive travel grants (i.e. grants to be applied toward travel already completed or in process at the time of submission of the proposal) cannot be supported.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted to the Office of Global Engagement no later than March 4, 2015. International research activities may occur in spring 2015, summer or fall 2015 and spring 2016.

Questions?

Please direct inquiries for this grant opportunity to Global Relations Officer, Christine Sprovieri.

Application Requirements:

Applicants are expected to submit the following as a single document in PDF format:

- Cover sheet with the applicant's name, title, department, and contact information; title of the proposal; and a 250-word abstract describing the proposed research project;
- Proposal narrative (not to exceed 5 pages) that summarizes the relevant background literature and research, thereby placing the project into context, to ensure significant contribution in the faculty member's field of study. The applicant should describe the project in terms that do not require reviewers to be experts in the area of proposed research. The description should include the goals of the research project and identify the integrative theme(s) to which the project aligns, the activities to be carried out to achieve those goals, a work plan for completing said activities, and an explanation of how the applicant's project will strengthen and advance an existing Brown global partnership, or foster a new collaborative relationship with a non-Brown partner;
- Detailed budget outlining projected cost of transportation, per diem, accommodations, and justifying budget request. The budget request should be aligned with region and duration of project costs;
- Formal letter or email of invitation from the hosting institution (if not in English, please provide translation);
- Letter of endorsement by Brown Department/Division Head or Dean;
- Letter of support from international collaborator(s) (*only if applicable*);
- Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (maximum of 3 pages).

Reporting requirements:

The grantee must submit a final report to the OGE within three months of returning from the research abroad trip. This report should outline the work accomplished as a result of the award, describe research activity and any resulting collaborations that may evolve from the grantee's

participation, as well as a clear plan to share outcomes of the grant with colleagues and the broader university community.

Award Disbursements:

Half of the award amount will be provided in advance of overseas travel (once receipts of travel expenses incurred are submitted). The remaining half of the award funds will be disbursed upon receipt of the final report or earlier, depending on the establishment of a mutually agreed submission date for the report (not to exceed 3 months post-return).

Frequently Asked Questions:

I am planning to conduct research in multiple destinations as part of my research project, is this allowable?

The **Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research** supports your international travel from your first point of departure (e.g., Providence, RI or Boston, MA) to your first international destination and a return from your final international destination back to your original point of departure. No in-country or regional flights between multiple airports will be supported by this grant.

Is it possible for a grantee to apply for support for one week of faculty research rather than the minimum two weeks stipulated in the grant guidelines?

No. The minimum length of stay is two weeks. It is expected that while abroad, grantees will be engaged in research activities but will also serve as “Global Brown Ambassadors” thereby representing Brown’s OGE by meeting with faculty members and administrators at the institution where research will be conducted. Such representation will allow Brown to explore broader collaboration with the institution(s) or will aid in developing potential partnerships with institutions that are not linked to Brown at this time.

I would like to broaden my research and meet with my collaborators in Santiago, Chile. However, the scope of my research plan does not currently align with any of the University’s integrative themes. Am I still eligible for this grant opportunity?

Because funds for this opportunity are limited and the integrative themes are broad, only proposals that clearly fit within the purview of the themes will be considered eligible. In addition, the OGE’s strategic goal is to cultivate and strengthen current partnerships as well as create new partnership opportunities abroad. To support this approach, the University’s strategic plan, [Building on Distinction: A New Plan for Brown](#) explicitly outlines the seven integrative themes as a means to “leverage existing and new partnerships with public and private institutions locally and abroad, and foster creative scholarship that has a positive impact not only on the Brown campus but also in the community, the nation, and the world.” As such, the

Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research seeks to underscore the importance of this integrative scholarship by only funding proposals that support one (or more) of the seven themes.

*Is there a “sit-out” period if I have been an award recipient under the **Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research** grant opportunity in the past?*

Funds are limited and are awarded in accordance with set criteria which include the intellectual merit, impact, and significance of the research project proposed. If you have received an award under this grant program, we ask that you not reapply for at least two deadlines following the one during which you applied and were awarded the grant. For example, if you applied and were awarded funds at the spring 2015 deadline, you will not be eligible for this grant opportunity until two application deadlines have passed.

Upon my return, I will organize a symposium focused on my area of research and open to the broader campus community. Does such activity suffice to satisfy the dissemination requirement? How much detail do I need to provide in the application to demonstrate a concrete plan for dissemination of research outcomes?

We are confident that this faculty research opportunity will yield many positive outcomes and we realize that details regarding a proposed symposium will need to be refined upon your return to campus. We therefore expect the application to outline a clear set of goals, which include an execution plan and provide information pertinent to themes, potential guest speakers, departmental or institutional support, along with any other activities that convey your commitment to disseminating research outcomes. In addition, should the research be at an advanced stage of the proposed project, plans for publications or conference presentations beyond Brown should be noted.

*I will meet with my collaborators and conduct research in Germany for a period of five weeks next summer. My estimated budget exceeds the maximum award amount. How will this impact the award amount under the **Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research**?*

The proposed budget should include reasonable costs and demonstrate that the applicant has secured funds from other sources (or in-kind) to support funds that are not requested from the OGE. Anticipated expenses must be itemized as well as demonstrate that you have procured or intend to request additional funding from an outside source to offset costs of your project (please see Sample Budgets A, B and C for reference).

*If I apply for the **Global Mobility Program: Faculty Research** at this deadline, when can my research abroad take place?*

Applicants who receive funding for proposals submitted by the March 4, 2015 deadline must complete their travel either in spring 2015, summer or fall 2015, or spring 2016.