



Student Exchange Development Grants

The Office of International Programs announces another new grant competition for the development of student exchange programs with overseas universities. Exchange programs are essentially cost-neutral for students, with the addition of airfare, and provide a low-cost alternative for studying overseas. Tuition-based exchange programs are now possible with overseas partner institutions and this grants program will provide grants to individual faculty or small faculty groups representing departments to increase overseas study, internship, or research experiences for Auburn students.

These seed funds are to be used to develop new exchange programs which will be integrated into departmental curricula to allow Auburn students to receive credit toward their degrees. Priority will be given to departments and programs that do not yet have established alternatives for their majors. Exchange programs should be strategic, articulating with an established plan for internationalization within a college or department, and integrated into the department's offerings so that students can participate without adding to their time to graduation. Such strategic relationships should also provide for research and other collaborations among faculties.

Faculty must develop exchange programs in collaboration with their departmental colleagues, heads, and College/School academic leadership. Submissions will be shared with Colleges/Schools to facilitate coordination.

Awards will be in the range of \$5000, typically used for international travel to establish academic programming and program logistics. Proposals should not exceed two pages and must be submitted to OIP by December 1, 2011. A proposal should include:

1. A description of the exchange program being proposed and where it fits into the curriculum (the optimal semester);
2. An outline and timeline of the activities to be undertaken under the grant;
3. The type or major of students who will participate in the exchange program; and
4. A budget outlining grant expenses. Budgets can include travel and incidental supplies. No equipment or salary will be covered without prior approval. Cost-sharing is encouraged but not mandatory.