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Grant-Writing Assistance

The International Programs Grants Office assists faculty and staff in the development of grant proposals for external funding in support of their research, teaching, and service goals.

In recent years, UI faculty received funding for a range of international programming and research activities. Such funding has been awarded from various sponsors, including the Korea Foundation, the Max Kade Foundation, the Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program, the Knight Foundation, United States-India Educational Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education.

K-12 Outreach

International Programs supports internationalization in Iowa schools.
- Yearly Global Education Institute for Teachers—trains K-12 educators on the best methods to incorporate global perspectives into their curriculum
- International Classroom Journeys—international students and visitors make presentations about their home countries to area school children
- Culture Kits—these kits contain artifacts from around the world and are available for use by schools and community groups

WorldCanvass

- Live discussion program on global topics featuring experts from Iowa and the world
- Programs are available as a podcast over multiple platforms and websites
- Allows Iowans and listeners from around the world to engage on important topics of the day

International Alumni Outreach

- International Programs reaches out to the over 9,000 UI alumni living abroad
- By hosting global alumni events, producing a quarterly newsletter, and engaging with alumni through domestic and Chinese social media, International Programs augments the UI’s connection with this group

Academic Centers and Programs

Our academic centers and programs create opportunities for faculty to contribute to the global mission of the UI; advance research and teaching through a focus on trans-collegiate issues and perspectives; provide opportunities for faculty and students across disciplines to interact and collaborate; and develop public engagement projects to benefit communities in Iowa and abroad. We currently have eight such entities, two of which are currently funded via endowments or external grants.

Creation and Discovery

The UI maintains 171 formal linkages with 146 external organizations around the globe to foster coordination of international research and partnerships, promote networking and collaboration, and celebrate global partnerships.

These relationships, as well as innumerable informal partnerships, enhance the education of our students and offer rich international experiences and professional connections.

Faculty Funding Spotlight: Global Curriculum Development Award

The Global Curriculum development Award is given to faculty creating a new undergraduate course, or substantially revising an existing course, in order to integrate international or global perspectives into an undergraduate major.

The Global Curriculum Development Award allowed UI Associate Professor of Instruction Irina Kostina to create a new course, “The North Caucasus as a Crossroad of Civilization,” designed to explore past and present global issues in the North Caucasus region. It covered threats to peace, such as terrorism, and the export of the North Caucasus jihad, and women’s rights violations. Kostina not only wanted students to come away with an understanding of these issues, but also to propose solutions.

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