

	Collaboration Initiative RFA	Research with a Global Impact RFA
Eligibility	2 or more NU Campuses	2 or more NU Campuses + International Collaborator
Planning Grants (\$20,000)	Yes	Yes
Formed/Forming Team Seed Grants (\$150,000)	Yes	Yes
Team Strengthening Seed Grants (\$300,000)	Yes	No
International Research	No	Yes

Collaboration Initiative: Global

Purpose

Strengthen the University of Nebraska's research competitiveness by fully leveraging its multi-campus intellectual capacity and research resources.

Desired Outcome

An increased capacity to address critical issues important to Nebraskans by having the University of Nebraska's campuses be more nationally grant competitive and to facilitate new and strengthen existing research collaborations with international collaborators (working overseas).

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Grant Opportunities: Global

Funding from the Nebraska Research Initiative (NRI)

- Planning Grants – 2 awards for Global
- Seed Grants – 2 awards for Global (up to \$150,000 each)

General Eligibility: same as NRI

- Retreat Participation
- Assistant, Associate or Full Professors and equivalent-rank research faculty employed by any University of Nebraska campus are eligible to submit funding applications as Principal Investigators (PI)
- Assistant, Associate or Full Professors of Practice that are members of the Graduate Faculty are eligible to serve as Co-PIs
- **Seed grants:** team members providing core leadership for the team must have individual records of extramurally funded research as a PI or Co-PI
- **Planning grants:** PIs who have not received extramural research funding (PI or Co-PI) must have a Co-PI on their application who is currently grant-active and willing to serve as a research mentor to the team
- Faculty may serve as the lead PI on one planning grant and one seed grant; there is no limit to their participation as Co-PIs

Collaboration Requirements

- PI employed by one University of Nebraska campus (UNK, UNL, UNMC and UNO) must identify at least one collaborator affiliated with another campus and at least one international collaborator.
- Meaningful multi-campus and appropriate disciplinary collaborations across NU
 - NU colleagues should be involved in plan of work and budget allocation; international collaborator should be involved in meaningful ways

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Planning Grants

- **Goal:** facilitate and build new research collaboration across University of Nebraska campuses and international collaborator.
- Up to \$20,000 for one year
 - Will support: Planning meetings, retreats, travel to meet program officers at funding agencies, travel within Nebraska, facilitate experimental design/modest data collection (after meet with program officers)
 - Identify extramural funding opportunities that would grow a collective research portfolio in any discipline
 - Identify knowledge gaps that must be addressed to prepare a competitive, extramural application
 - Prepare applications for extramural funding

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Planning Grants: Evaluation (100 points)

- a) Plan to interact with potential funding agencies/foundations (20 points)
- b) Justification of the proposed approach and evidence that the completed work plan will help the PI/Co-PI(s) align research question(s) with funding agency/foundation priorities (25 points)
- c) Strategy to identify expertise needs, build collaborations, and prepare competitive extramural research applications (25 points)
- d) Timetable (15 points)
- e) Budget adequate to support the work plan (15 points)

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Formed/Forming Team Seed Grants

- **Goal:** enhance research collaborations among faculty that have had modest levels of previous collaboration.
 - Up to \$150,000 total over two years
 - Team members providing core leadership for the team *must* have individual records of extramurally-funded research as a PI or Co-PI.
 - Teams must actively generate knowledge/preliminary data to enhance competitiveness for extramural funding
 - Teams expected to submit extramural applications for at least \$200,000/year.

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Seed Grants: Evaluation (100 points)

- Significance, Innovation and Impact of the proposed research (25 points)
- Alignment of research question(s) to priorities of an existing extramural funding opportunity (20 points)
- Ability to enhance competitiveness of the team for extramural funding (20 points)
- Budget and facilities adequate to support plan of work (15 points)
- Meaningful collaborations/roles/responsibilities defined for PI/Co-PIs (10 points)
- Realistic and achievable timetable (10 points)

Review Process

Planning Grants: Administrators from 4 campuses

Seed Grants: External reviews from at least two disciplinary experts

Numerical score plus reviewer comments plus funding category

<i>Exemplary:</i>	Definitely fund
<i>Very Good:</i>	Strongly consider for funding
<i>Needs Improvement:</i>	Fund only if resources allow
<i>Inadequate:</i>	Do not fund

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Timeline:

- Application submission deadline:
Monday, January 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
<https://nuramp.nebraska.edu>
- Anticipate award notifications prior to June 2020
- Awards start July 2020
- Final decisions made by the Provost and Vice Provost

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Finding NU Collaborators

- UNL has developed a map interface with information about faculty interests in global topics. See <https://globalnebraska.unl.edu/global-map>
- Some information relating to faculty expertise in Africa: <https://nebraska.edu/africa-summit/faculty-expertise>
- Some information relating to faculty expertise in Central Asia and South Asia: <https://nebraska.edu/discussion-central-south-asia/faculty-expertise>

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Finding NU Collaborators

Campus research offices can also help in identifying potential collaborators, as can the campus Senior International Officers (SIO's)

UNK: Tim Burkink (burkinktj@unk.edu)

UNL: Josh Davis (jdavis@unl.edu)

UNMC: Jane Meza (jmeza@unmc.edu), assisted by Bruce Grogan (bruce.grogan@unmc.edu)

UNO: Jane Meza (jmeza@unomaha.edu), Bruce Grogan

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Federal agencies: NIH

NIH Fogarty International Center

<https://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/Pages/Fogarty-Funding-Opps.aspx>

NIH Global Health Funding

<https://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/Pages/NIH-funding-opportunities.aspx>

Non-NIH Funding Opportunities for Faculty (Curated by the Fogarty International Center)

<https://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/NonNIH/Pages/faculty.aspx>

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Federal agencies: NSF

Accelerating Research through International Network-to-Network Collaboration (AccelNet)

https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505584&org=OISE&sel_org=OISE&from=fund

Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18591/nsf18591.pdf>)

Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19592/nsf19592.htm>)

Partnerships for International Research & Education (PIRE; currently paused, expected in FY2020)

https://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=505038)

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Federal agencies: USDA

USDA NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture)

Global Engagement Opportunities page – more than 25 opportunities for international collaborations and partnerships

<https://nifa.usda.gov/opportunities-global-engagement>

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Federal agencies: USAID

Options through USAID “Central”

- <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/get-grant-or-contract/opportunities-funding>

Options through USAID Missions

- Connections with USAID staff in-country are needed

Global Health Broad Agency Announcement

- <https://researchfunding.duke.edu/usaid-global-health-broad-agency-announcement-research-and-development>

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U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Education's International and Foreign Language Education has funds for international education (www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps/index.html)

- UISFL = Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages – one year, can apply again
- IRS = International Research and Studies
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad
- Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad fellowships (for doctoral students)

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External Foundations

NU Foundation can assist with connections

[Ford Foundation](#)

[Gates Foundation](#)

[Humboldt Foundation](#)

[Jacobs Foundation](#)

[MacArthur Foundation](#)

[Rockefeller Foundation](#)

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Fulbright Programs

CIES, on behalf of IIE and the State Department, coordinates the **Fulbright Scholars Program** (<https://awards.cies.org/>)

- This “Outbound” program supports research and/or teaching abroad; best if you already have an institutional connection

Fulbright Visiting Scholars is an “inbound” program for both faculty and graduate students

- Institutional connections also help

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Questions?

<http://nebraska.edu/collaboration-initiative/>

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