

UNT GLOBAL VENTURE FUND (GVF) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2019-2020



OVERVIEW

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs provides the UNT Global Venture Fund (GVF) to support UNT's strategic global engagement initiatives. The GVF is administered by the Division of International Affairs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The GVF supports global engagement initiatives with countries around the world, including China and India. The GVF supports innovative projects and initiatives that advance UNT's strategic global engagements, including the following categories and activities:

Academic Conferences/Workshops

The GVF supports academic conferences/workshops held on the UNT campus that involve the participation of UNT faculty and UNT students as well as scholars from universities/institutions abroad. The academic conferences/workshops must include a specific thematic focus and demonstrate a large-scale impact to UNT, such as by bringing national/international-level recognition to UNT, involving different UNT colleges/departments, and/or including the participation of a significant number of UNT faculty and students. The Academic Conferences/Workshops category is intended to advance UNT's collaborations with universities/institutions abroad, produce scholarly outputs, and strengthen UNT's national and international reputation.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$5,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) venue rental fees, (b) conference/workshop meals, (c) travel support for visiting scholars from universities/institutions abroad, and/or (d) other approved expenses.

Research/Creative Activities

The GVF supports international research projects/creative activities. Priority will be given to new research projects/creative activities. Proposals involving existing research projects/creative activities that demonstrate a significant new focus will be given priority. The duration of the visit will be considered with preference given to proposals that include longer visits abroad. The Research/Creative Activities category does not support UNT faculty participating in conferences, exhibitions, performances, keynote speaking engagements, or similar activities. The Research/Creative Activities category is intended to support the international research and scholarly output of UNT faculty, encourage collaborations with universities/institutions abroad as needed, and strengthen UNT's national and international reputation. Funds may only be used for international travel and expenses.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) round-trip airfare and/or accommodations for the UNT faculty member and/or (b) other approved expenses.

Hosting Visiting Scholars

The GVF supports hosting visiting scholars from universities/institutions abroad at UNT for the purpose of undertaking teaching or collaborative research. The UNT host is required to organize presentations, lectures, or other activities in which the visiting scholar engages in scholarly dialogue with the UNT community, including both faculty and students. The duration of the visit will be considered with preference given to proposals that include longer visits to UNT. The Hosting Visiting Scholars category is intended to advance UNT's collaborations with universities/institutions abroad, produce scholarly outputs, and contribute to UNT's campus internationalization.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$2,500
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) round-trip airfare for the visiting scholar, (b) accommodations for the visiting scholar, and/or (c) other approved expenses.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Global Venture Fund Proposal Form with all required signatures (refer to page 3)
- Proposal Narrative (no more than 2 pages single spaced)

AWARD INFORMATION

The number of awards and award amounts are at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs. Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate college/department cost-share and/or additional sources of funding. Please refer to the

program description for the list of allowable expenses and the maximum award amount for each category. The use of award funds is at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs.

The GVF does not support the following use of award funds:

- Faculty, staff, or student salaries or wages
- Office or operational expenses
- Stipends/waivers for the use of UNT labs/equipment
- Purchasing of equipment/materials, except in cases in which the UNT community has open access to these resources
- Student scholarships or tuition waivers
- Study abroad scholarships or scholarships to participate in field trips, conferences, performances, exhibits, and/or similar activities
- Registration fees or expenses related to presentations/participation at conferences (or similar events)
- Salaries, wages, and/or honorarium for visitors/visiting scholars

ELIGIBILITY

- UNT faculty and lecturers are eligible to submit proposals with the approval of their dean and chair.
- Prior recipients of funding from the Division of International Affairs are eligible to submit proposals. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received funding from the Division of International Affairs and/or to proposals that address new projects and initiatives.

PROJECT PERIOD

The GVF supports projects that will occur during the 2019-2020 academic year. All GVF project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The GVF award cannot carryforward into the next fiscal year.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposals must include all application components and be submitted as a single PDF to Amanda.White@unt.edu by **5 pm on December 6, 2019**.

REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals are reviewed by a committee of UNT faculty and staff. Award decisions are at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs. Proposals are evaluated based on the overall impact and value the activity brings to UNT in terms of advancing UNT's scholarship. Proposals that demonstrate how they provide the UNT community with greater access to academic/research specialists and/or access to international universities/institutions/partners with specialized skills, knowledge, resources, etc. will be given a higher funding priority. The following criteria will be used when evaluating proposals:

- Contributes to high-impact and high-value activities for UNT's scholarship (academic, research, and/or creative activities)
- Enhances UNT's strategic global engagements
- Advances UNT's partnerships and collaborations with universities/institutions/partners abroad
- Contributes to scholarly outputs
- Demonstrates a large-scale impact to UNT

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

GVF recipients are required to submit a short report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by August 10, 2020. The report should be no more than three pages and should include the project outcomes and future activities along with a list of contacts, if applicable, that were established.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINE

Submission Deadline: December 6, 2019
Project Period: 2019-2020 academic year (All projects must conclude by August 10, 2020.)
Project Report Due: August 10, 2020

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GLOBAL VENTURE FUND PROPOSAL FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

UNT Department

UNT College

Partner Institution(s)

Category (refer to page 1)

Project Dates

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: Attach a proposal narrative that is no more than 2 pages single spaced.

The proposal narrative should describe the following: purpose, project details, project timeline, and expected outcomes. Proposals involving the Collaborative Research/Creative Activities category must indicate if the proposal involves a new or existing project. If it involves an existing initiative, the proposal must provide a detailed explanation of how the project contributes to a new and innovative focus.

BUDGET REQUEST: Complete the budget form below.

Budget Item	GVF Request	UNT College Support	UNT Department Support	Other Funding Sources	Total
TOTAL					

Budget Narrative: Briefly describe the requested budget items and how they align with the activities included in the proposal narrative.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES: Sign and date below and obtain approval signatures.

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Signature

Date

Chair's Name

Chair's Signature

Date

Dean's Name

Dean's Signature

Date