

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS CHINA VENTURE FUND (CVF) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2017-2018

OVERVIEW

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs provides the UNT China Venture Fund (CVF) to support UNT's strategic engagements with China. The CVF is administered by UNT International in consultation with the China Advisory Council. All award decisions are made at the discretion of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The CVF supports innovative projects and initiatives that advance UNT's strategic engagements with China. All proposals must address how they will contribute to at least one of the following three areas:

1. Revenue: revenue generated by UNT tuition and fees
2. Research: high-quality publications and externally funded grants
3. Recruitment: highly qualified graduate students

CVF proposals should include a project description with clearly identified objectives and measurable goals. The measurable goals must demonstrate how the project supports at least one of the three aforementioned areas of Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment. Proposals must include a project timeline and assessment plan that measures the project's goals.

The proposal narrative should address the following:

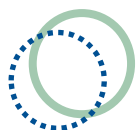
1. Describe a project that supports UNT's strategic engagements in China and address how the project contributes to Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment;
2. Provide a project timeline and assessment plan that addresses how Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment will be measured;
3. Include a 1:1 match with at least 50% of the match coming from the UNT college and UNT department; and
4. Demonstrate long-term institutional impacts for UNT's strategic engagements with China

Priority will be given to proposals that address new projects and initiatives.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- CVF Cover Page with all required signatures (refer to page 4)
- Proposal Narrative
- CVF Budget Request and Narrative (refer to page 5)
- Letter of Support from the partner institution(s) that demonstrates their commitment, including any financial support and/or cost-sharing.
- Applicant's CV



AWARD AMOUNT

- A total of \$20,000 is available for the 2017-2018 CVF.
- Two to ten projects are expected to be funded.
- All applicants must demonstrate a 1:1 match with at least a 50% of the match coming from their UNT college and department. Applicants may also rely on external sources of funding for the 1:1 match, such as support from the partner institution(s).
- All applicants are required to submit a letter of support from the partner institution that demonstrates the partner's support of the project and their financial/cost-sharing commitment (e.g. project expenses, accommodations, local transportation, meals, etc.).

UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- The CVF does not allow the following expenses:
 - Faculty, staff, or student salaries or wages
 - Office or operational expenses
 - Stipends/waivers for the use of UNT labs/equipment
 - Purchasing of equipment or materials
 - Student scholarships or tuition waivers
 - Study abroad scholarships

ELIGIBILITY

- UNT faculty and lecturers are eligible to submit proposals.
- Prior CVF grant recipients are eligible to submit proposals. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received a CVF award and/or to proposals that address new projects and initiatives.

PROJECT PERIOD

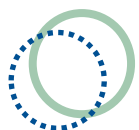
- The CVF supports projects that will occur during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- All CVF project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The CVF award cannot carryforward into the next fiscal year.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- The submission deadline is **5 pm on November 6, 2017**.
- Proposals must include all application components and be submitted as a single PDF to Amanda.White@unt.edu.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants are required to make a short presentation about their proposal to the China Advisory Council's Executive Committee during the afternoon of **November 27, 2017**. Applicants will have a total of ten minutes to present their proposal and to answer questions. Applicants are advised to make written proposals and oral presentations suitable for people outside of their disciplines.
- CVF recipients are required to submit a report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by September 30, 2018 that describes the project outcomes and demonstrates how funds were used, including providing copies of all receipts.
- Recipients whose proposals involved collaborative research are required to submit a minimum of one proposal to an external sponsor that advances the CVF project.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

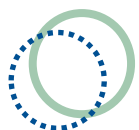
- Project Period: 2017-2018 Academic Year
- RFP Opens: October 2, 2017
- Submission Deadline: November 6, 2017
- Proposal Presentations: November 27, 2017
- Proposal Decisions: December 15, 2017
- Project End Date: All project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- Project Report Due: September 30, 2018

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHINA VENTURE FUND: COVER PAGE

Applicant Information

Name:

Professional Title:

Department & College:

Proposal Title:

Partner Institution(s):

Activity Location:

Project Dates:

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: Attach a proposal narrative (no more than 3 pages) that describes your project and how it supports UNT’s strategic engagements in China and contributes to Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment. The narrative should include a project timeline and an assessment plan and demonstrate the project’s long-term institutional impacts for UNT’s strategic engagements in China.

BUDGET REQUEST AND NARRATIVE: Use the form (page 5) to indicate the requested amount of funding from the CVF along with cost-sharing and other sources of funding. Please include a budget narrative that describes each line item expense and demonstrates reasonable and justified expenses. Proposals must have a 1:1 match with at least 50% of the match coming from the UNT college and department. Proposals that request funding to support activities that have already occurred or to replace funding for activities funded by other sources will not be considered.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Include a letter of support from the partner institution(s) that indicates their support and any cost-share.

CV: Include a copy of your CV with your proposal.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES: Sign and date below and obtain approval signatures from your chair and dean.

Applicant’s Name

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Chair’s Name

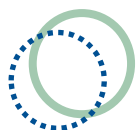
Chair’s Signature

Date

Dean’s Name

Dean’s Signature

Date



CHINA VENTURE FUND: BUDGET REQUEST AND NARRATIVE

Item	CVF Request	UNT College Match	UNT Department Match	International Partner Match	Additional Funding Sources	Total
TOTAL						

Please include a budget narrative that describes each line item expense and demonstrates reasonable and justified expenses.

