

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS INDIA VENTURE FUND (IVF) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2017-2018

OVERVIEW

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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The IVF supports innovative projects and initiatives that advance UNT's strategic engagements with India. 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

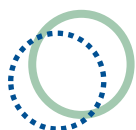
India Venture Fund proposals should address at least one of the following priority areas:

1. **Student Engagement:** Proposals should address unique recruitment and retention strategies for Indian students and/or strategies for promoting study abroad in India to UNT students.
2. **Research Engagement:** Proposals should focus on collaborative research projects that demonstrate the potential to result in large-scale collaborative research with highly ranked partner institutions, result in grant proposals to external sponsors, and/or contribute to peer-reviewed publications.
3. **Local Community Engagement:** Proposals should emphasize unique strategies for UNT engagement with the local community in Denton and DFW that will result in new opportunities for student recruitment, external sponsorships for UNT academic and research initiatives, and the promotion of UNT to local area community leaders.
4. **Marketing:** Proposals should emphasize creative marketing tools that enhance UNT's global reputation at both the national and international level and create opportunities to increase Indian student enrollment as well as to advance UNT's global academic and research initiatives in India.

For example, proposals may include projects that address any of the following: internationalization of UNT's curriculum, study abroad, collaborative research, academic collaborations, student recruitment and enrollment management, local community engagement, and other activities that demonstrate long-term institutional impacts for UNT's strategic engagements with India.

IVF 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.

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



APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- IVF Cover Page with all required signatures (refer to page 4)
- Proposal Narrative
- IVF Budget Request and Narrative (refer to page 5)
- Applicant's CV

AWARD AMOUNT

- A total of \$20,000 is available for the 2017-2018 IVF.
- Two to ten projects are expected to be funded.
- Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate cost-sharing from the applicant's college and/or academic department as well as from external sources of funding, such as support from the partner institution(s).

UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- The IVF 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 IVF grant recipients are eligible to submit proposals. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received an IVF award and/or to proposals that address new projects and initiatives.

PROJECT PERIOD

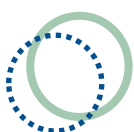
- The IVF supports projects that will occur during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- All IVF project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The IVF award cannot carryforward into the next fiscal year.

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 India Initiatives Group's Core Committee during the afternoon of **November 29, 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.



- IVF 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 grant proposal to an external sponsor that advances the IVF project.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

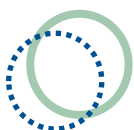
- Project Period: 2017-2018 Academic Year
- RFP Opens: October 2, 2017
- Submission Deadline: November 6, 2017
- Proposal Presentations: November 29, 2017
- Proposal Decisions: December 15, 2017
- Project End Date: All project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- Project Report: September 30, 2018

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INDIA 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 India, addresses at least one of the four priority areas, and contributes to Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment. The narrative should include a project timeline with an assessment plan and demonstrate the project’s long-term institutional impacts for UNT’s strategic engagements in India.

BUDGET REQUEST AND NARRATIVE: Use the form (page 5) to indicate the requested amount of funding from the IVF 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 that request funding to support activities that have already occurred or to replace funding for activities funded by other sources will not be considered.

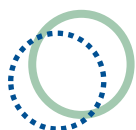
CV: Include a copy of your CV with your proposal.

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

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| Dean’s Name | Dean’s Signature | Date |
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INDIA VENTURE FUND: BUDGET REQUEST AND NARRATIVE

| Item | IVF Request | UNT College Support | UNT Department Support | International Partner Support | Additional Funding Sources | Total |
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Please include a budget narrative that describes each line item expense and demonstrates reasonable and justified expenses.

