

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

CHINA VENTURE FUND (CVF): 2015-2016

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) provides intramural funding to support UNT's China Venture Fund (CVF). The China Venture Fund provides grants that support UNT's strategic priorities with China. UNT's China Advisory Council (CAC) advises on UNT's strategic engagements in China as well as priorities for the China Venture Fund. The China Venture Fund 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.

UNT faculty and lecturers are eligible to submit proposals for consideration. Prior CVF grant recipients are eligible to submit proposals, but must demonstrate measurable outcomes from their previously funded CVF projects.

There is a total of \$18,000 available for the 2015-2016 CVF. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate matching or in-kind support from their college/department and/or partner institution. All applicants are required to submit a letter of commitment from the partner institution that demonstrates the partner institution's commitment to the project. If the partner provides cost-share or in-kind support, the partner's letter should also reference their cost-share/in-kind support.

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 projects with clearly identified objectives and measurable goals. Proposals must include a project timeline and indicate how the project's objectives and goals will be assessed.

The project period is 18-months. Recipients are required to provide a report at the end of their project that demonstrates the outcomes of the project. Recipients will also be asked to provide periodic updates about the project to UNT-International. Additionally, recipients whose proposals focus on collaborative research are required to submit a minimum of one proposal to an external sponsor that advances the CVF project.

The proposal narrative should address the following:

1. Describe a project that supports UNT's strategic engagements in China and addresses how the project contributes to Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment;
2. Provide a project timeline and an evaluation plan that addresses how Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment will be measured; and
3. Demonstrate long-term institutional impacts for UNT's strategic engagements with China.

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 China.

The proposal submission deadline is **April 20, 2016**. Proposal submissions must include the CVF Proposal Form (page 2) along with the applicant's CV; a three-page Proposal Narrative; and the Budget Form and Narrative (page 3). Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF to Amanda.White@unt.edu.

Additionally, applicants are required to make a 10-minute presentation about their proposal to the China Advisory Council's Executive Committee on **May 6, 2016 from 2:30-4:00 pm**. Applicants are advised to make written proposals and oral presentations suitable for people outside of their fields.

Please contact Amanda.White@unt.edu with any questions regarding the CVF.

PROPOSAL FORM FOR THE CHINA VENTURE FUND

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Professional Title: _____

Dept. & College: _____

Proposal Title: _____

Partner Institution(s): _____

Activity Location: _____

CV: **Please include a copy of your CV with your proposal.**

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please attach a proposal narrative (no more than 3 pages) that describes the proposed project; how the project supports UNT's strategic engagements in China; and how the project contributes to Revenue, Research, and/or Recruitment. The narrative should include a project timeline and an assessment plan. The project should demonstrate long-term institutional impacts for UNT's strategic engagements in China.

PROPOSED BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE

Please use the Budget Form (page 3) to indicate the requested CVF funds, the UNT college match, the UNT department match, the international partner match, and/or additional sources of funding. Please include a budget narrative that describes each line item expense and demonstrates reasonable and justified expenses. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate matching or in-kind support from their college/department and/or international partner. A total of \$18,000 is available for the 2015-2016 CVF. 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.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

Please sign and date below as well as obtain approval signatures from your department chair and college dean.

Applicant Name Printed

Applicant Signature

Date

Chair Name Printed

Chair Signature

Date

Dean Name Printed

Dean Signature

Date

BUDGET FORM AND NARRATIVE FOR THE CHINA VENTURE FUND

ITEM	CVF Request	UNT College Match	UNT Department Match	International Partner Match	Additional Sources of Funding	TOTAL
TOTAL						

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