

CHARN USWACHOKE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND SPRING 2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

OVERVIEW

The Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund (Charn Fund) is a generous endowment from Mr. Charn Uswachoke, an alumnus from Thailand. The long-term goal of the endowment is to contribute to international impact in UNT's classrooms through curriculum innovation.

The Charn Fund supports faculty initiatives that prepare internationally competent UNT graduates within the following curricular and co-curricular internationalization categories:

- a. study abroad site visits
- b. global speakers: as part of the curriculum
- c. international co-curricular programs
- d. conferences or artist residencies abroad for early career assistant professors.

Applicants are **required to request cost-share** from their chair and dean. While preference will be given to applications that demonstrate department/college cost-share, applications without department/college cost-share are still eligible for consideration.

Applications must include an email or letter from the applicant's chair and dean (or dean's designee) indicating their support of the international collaborative project and the decision of the applicant's request for cost-share.

The Spring 2025 Call for Applications supports projects that will occur in summer 2025 and/or fall 2025. The online application is available at [Charn Fund Application](#). The application deadline is February 24, 2025.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Amanda Bennett at Amanda.White@unt.edu.

CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR INTERNATIONALIZATION CATEGORIES

Study Abroad Site Visits

The Charn Fund supports faculty to undertake a study abroad site visit to develop a new faculty-led study abroad program. Preference will be given to new faculty leaders, underrepresented disciplines, and/or underrepresented locations. Applicants must meet with the UNT Study Abroad Director (Amy Shenberger) to discuss the proposed study abroad program and site visit prior to submitting a Charn Fund application.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) in-country transportation for one (1) faculty member per proposal to participate in a short site visit (approximately 4-6 days)

Global Speakers: As Part of the Curriculum

The Charn Fund supports faculty hosting a visiting global speaker to serve as a guest lecturer for a UNT class/give a presentation to UNT faculty/students. The visiting global speaker should provide international insights and global expertise about the academic discipline(s) and may include academics or professionals from the U.S. or abroad. Preference will be given to applications that include multiple lectures/presentations by the visiting global speaker.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) local ground transportation for the global speaker

International Co-Curricular Programs

The Charn Fund supports faculty enhancing an existing UNT course by offering international co-curricular programs that explore the culture and society of another country/multiple countries. International Co-Curricular Programs may involve bringing a specialist or outside group to UNT. Preference will be given to applications that involve the participation of students from multiple departments.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare for a visiting specialist/group, (b) accommodations for a visiting specialist/group, (c) meals for the program, and/or (d) venue rental expenses.

Conferences or Artist Residencies Abroad for Early Career Assistant Professors

The Charn Fund supports early career assistant professors within their first five (5) years to present at a professional conference or attend a professional artist residency outside of the U.S. Applicants must demonstrate how the conference presentation or artist residency enables them to contribute to international impact within their UNT classes and to prepare internationally competent graduates of UNT. For conferences, individuals must present papers at the conference as part of a panel, roundtable, or other format; poster presentations/sessions will not be accepted. For artist residencies, individuals must have approval from their college and demonstrate how their participation in the artist residency enables them to enhance their teaching by integrating international components into the classroom. The prestige of the conference or artist residency will be considered when reviewing applications. Applicants do not have to provide evidence being accepted for the conference or artist residency when submitting their Charn Fund application. However, evidence of acceptance is required prior to distributing a Charn Fund award.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) local ground transportation

REVIEW CRITERIA

Charn Fund applications are reviewed by a committee of UNT faculty and staff. The following criteria is used when evaluating applications:

- Impacts a wide range of students within a specific academic discipline and/or across academic disciplines
- Contributes to enhancing the global competency of UNT's students
- Demonstrates curriculum innovations
- Contributes to international impact in UNT's classrooms
- Promotes comprehensive internationalization of UNT's classrooms and curriculum.

While prior Charn Fund recipients are eligible to apply, priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received a Charn Fund award and/or to applications that include new initiatives.

AWARD INFORMATION

The number of awards, award amounts, and use of funds is at the discretion of the Vice Provost of International Affairs. Please refer to the program categories for the list of allowable expenses.

The Charn Fund does not support the following use of award funds:

- Salaries or operating expenses for personnel, projects, or offices
- Student wages, stipends, travel support, scholarships, or other items
- Travel to designated countries in Executive Order GA-48, including: China, North Korea, Iran, Cuba, and Russia

All Charn Fund project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the project period (December 31, 2025). Any remaining funds will not carryforward past the project period. In the event the project cannot be started/completed during the project period due to any circumstance, project funds will not carryforward and you must inform Dr. Amanda Bennett at Amanda.White@unt.edu.

IMPORTANT DATES

- February 24, 2025 Application Deadline
- December 31, 2025 Project Report Due and End of Project Period