

# GLOBAL VENTURE FUND (GVF) SPRING 2025 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## OVERVIEW

The Global Venture Fund (GVF) provides small awards for international collaborative projects involving the following project categories:

- (a) hosting academic conferences at UNT
- (b) hosting visiting international scholars at UNT
- (c) conducting collaborative research/creative scholarly activities abroad

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 late spring 2025, summer 2025, or fall 2025. The online application is available at [GVF Application](#). The application deadline is February 24, 2025. For additional information, please contact Dr. Amanda Bennett at [amanda.white@unt.edu](mailto:amanda.white@unt.edu).

## PROJECT CATEGORIES

### (a) Hosting Academic Conferences at UNT

The GVF supports academic conferences held on the UNT campus that involve the participation of UNT faculty and UNT students as well as scholars and students from universities/institutions abroad. The academic conferences must demonstrate how they contribute to the global scholarship of UNT faculty and students. Preference will be given to applications that include a substantial number of UNT faculty and students as participants at the academic conference.

- **Eligible Applicants:** UNT faculty and lecturers
- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$5,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare for scholars/students from universities/institutions abroad, (b) accommodations for scholars/students from universities/institutions abroad, (c) conference meals, and/or (d) venue rental expenses.

### (b) Hosting Visiting International Scholars at UNT

The GVF supports hosting international visiting scholars from universities/institutions abroad at UNT for the purpose of undertaking collaborative research/teaching. The application must demonstrate how hosting the visiting international scholar contributes to the global scholarship of UNT faculty and students. In addition to collaborative research/teaching activities, the visiting international scholar is required to participate in presentations/lectures/other activities that contribute to the global scholarship of UNT faculty and students. Preference will be given to applications that include longer visits.

- **Eligible Applicants:** UNT faculty and lecturers
- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) local ground transportation for the visiting international scholar

### (c) Conducting Collaborative Research/Creative Scholarly Activities Abroad

The GVF supports international collaborative projects involving collaborative research or creative scholarly activities with universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad. Projects must result in the development and dissemination of new knowledge through international research collaborations or international creative scholarly activities.

The Collaborative Research/Creative Scholarly Activities category **DOES NOT** support projects that involve UNT faculty participating in conferences, keynote speaking engagements, exhibitions, performances, festivals, teaching activities (e.g. serving as a visiting/guest lecturer, providing masterclasses, giving private lessons, giving coaching sessions, etc.), consulting activities, exploratory meetings/visits to universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad, or similar activities.

**Examples of allowable projects** include: (a) conducting collaborative research with faculty/scholars at a university abroad, (b) developing an international collaborative composition project with faculty/scholars at a university/academic institution abroad (in-person collaboration

is critical/necessary), (c) engaging in **in-person** international collaborative practice rehearsal sessions for a significant period of time with faculty/scholars at a university/academic institution abroad that culminate in a public performance (must contribute to the development and dissemination of new knowledge), and (d) engaging in collaborative archival research with faculty/scholars at a university/academic institution abroad. Preference will be given to applications that include longer visits.

- **Eligible Applicants:** UNT faculty (e.g. tenured, tenure-track, clinical, etc.) with research/creative activities as part of their assigned workload
- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$3,000
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) in-country transportation for the UNT faculty member

## REVIEW CRITERIA

GVF applications are reviewed by a committee of UNT faculty and staff. The review criteria includes:

- Detailed project statement that describes the international collaborative project along with the specific activities, timeline, expected outcomes, and need for the project to occur in-person rather than virtually
- Demonstrated support for the international collaborative project from the applicant's chair and the applicant's dean (dean's designee)
- Explanation of how the international collaborative project contributes to the UNT faculty member's global scholarship (only applicable to project category c: Conducting Collaborative Research/Creative Scholarly Activities Abroad)
- Involvement of faculty/scholars from universities, institutions, libraries, or archives abroad
- Detailed funding request that provides specific information about the budget request and how the requested amounts were determined
- Demonstrated alignment between the international collaborative project and the GVF category

While prior recipients of funding from International Affairs are eligible to apply for the GVF, priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received funding from International Affairs and/or to applications that include new initiatives.

## AWARD INFORMATION

Limited funding is available for the GVF. The number of awards, award amounts, and use of funds is at the discretion of the Vice Provost of International Affairs. Refer to the program categories for the maximum award amount and list of allowable expenses.

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
- Student scholarships or tuition waivers
- Study abroad scholarships or student scholarships to participate in field trips, conferences, performances, exhibits, or similar activities
- Registration fees or expenses related to presentations/participation at conferences (or similar events)
- Participation in conferences, keynote speaking engagements, exhibitions, performances, festivals, teaching activities (e.g. serving as a visiting/guest lecturer, providing masterclasses, giving private lessons, giving coaching sessions, etc.), consulting activities, exploratory meetings/visits to universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad, or similar activities
- Activities in which faculty are receiving an external payment (e.g. payment related to professional practice, stipends, payment for a commission of work, paid artist residency, etc.)
- Salaries, wages, and/or honorarium for visitors/visiting scholars
- Travel to designated countries in Executive Order GA-48, including: China, North Korea, Iran, Cuba, and Russia

All GVF expenditures for projects occurring during spring and/or summer 2025 must be reconciled before the end of the fiscal year (no later than August 10, 2025). All GVF expenditures for projects occurring during fall 2025 must be reconciled before the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2025). Any remaining GVF 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 the recipient must inform Dr. Amanda Bennett at [amanda.white@unt.edu](mailto:amanda.white@unt.edu).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- February 24, 2025 Application Deadline
- August 10, 2025 Spring and/or Summer 2025 Projects: Project Report Due and Expense Reconciliation Deadline
- December 31, 2025 Fall 2025 Projects: Project Report Due and Expense Reconciliation Deadline