

THE CHARN USWACHOKE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2018-2019

OVERVIEW

The Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund (Charn Fund) is a generous endowment from Mr. Charn Uswachoke, an alumnus from Thailand. The purpose of the fund is to support faculty initiatives that prepare internationally competent UNT graduates. The long-term goal of the endowment is to contribute to international impact in UNT's classrooms through curriculum innovation. Applicants are encouraged to review the 2018-2019 Request for Proposals (RFP) closely as it differs from past RFPs.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2018-2019 RFP supports the internationalization of UNT's classrooms through faculty initiatives involving curriculum innovations that contribute to the international competency of UNT graduates. The following categories and activities are supported:

- **Curriculum Development in Support of Study Abroad:**

The Charn Fund supports initiatives involving curriculum development that enhance UNT students' study abroad experience. Curriculum development activities include: (a) integrating cross-cultural international learning outcomes into existing study abroad programs, (b) internationalizing existing curriculum that will then serve as a feeder course into a study abroad program, (c) designing short-term study abroad programs that include co-curricular intercultural and/or professional development activities, and (d) other approved activities. Proposals must demonstrate how the curriculum development fills gaps within the current curriculum and degree program and enhances students' study abroad experience.

- Allowable expenses: (a) program fees and airfare for participation in an approved IES, CIEE, or SIT faculty seminar abroad program or similar program, participation in the Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization at Indiana University Bloomington, or participation in a professional conference that focuses on some aspect of internationalization of the curriculum and/or (b) airfare, accommodations, and local transportation for a 2-5 day site visit abroad to develop a study abroad program.

- **Academic Conferences/Workshops:**

The Charn Fund supports academic conferences/workshops held on the UNT campus that involve UNT faculty and students as well as international scholars and students. The conferences/workshops must include a specific thematic focus positioned within the global context and demonstrate how the conferences/workshops impact UNT's classrooms through the internationalization of curriculum. Preference will be given to conferences/workshops that are interdisciplinary and address a global grand challenge.

- Allowable expenses: (a) venue rental fees, (b) conference/workshop meals, (c) conference/workshop printed materials (e.g. conference brochure, research poster, and other approved items), and/or (d) travel support for visiting scholars and students.

- **Integrating Global Components into UNT's classrooms:**

The Charn Fund supports initiatives that involve the integration of global components into UNT's classrooms, including: (a) developing on-campus co-curricular activities that are globally focused and linked to UNT courses, (b) high impact visiting lecturers who address international topics and reach students from multiple disciplines, (c) integrating online international learning through course modules that are co-taught with an instructor abroad and/or involve group projects with students from foreign institutions, (d) integrating cross-cultural international learning outcomes into existing courses, and (e) other approved activities. Proposals must demonstrate how they contribute to international impact within UNT's classrooms.

- Allowable expenses: (a) travel support for visiting lecturers, (b) event costs including venue rentals, marketing materials, and purchasing of relevant instructional materials like international films, books, artifacts, and other approved items.

BUDGET RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

The allowable expenses are described above. The Charn Fund does not support the following expenses: salaries or operating expenses for personnel, projects, or offices. The Charn Fund is intended to provide UNT faculty with support for the development of international initiatives that contribute to curriculum innovations and impact UNT's classrooms. The Charn Fund does not provide support to UNT students in the form of wages, TA/RA stipends, or travel support.

AWARD INFORMATION

Estimated available funding is \$25,000. The number of awards and award amounts are up to the discretion of the Charn Fund Proposal Review Committee. The Charn Fund Proposal Review Committee may decide to award a lower amount than the requested amount. Final award decisions will be made by the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs. Any remaining funds not used before the end of the project period will be returned to the UNT Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

UNT faculty are eligible to submit a proposal with the approval of their dean and chair. Preference will be given to UNT faculty who have not previously received a Charn Fund as well as to new initiatives that have not previously been funded by the Charn Fund.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Proposals should include the following:

- Charn Fund Proposal Form with all required signatures (refer to page 3)
- Proposal Narrative (two page maximum)

The proposal narrative should address the following:

- Provide a project overview that describes the purpose, project details, and expected outcomes
- Articulate how the project aligns with the Charn Fund's purpose and approved category
- Include a project timeline and assessment plan with measurable goals

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF to Amanda.White@unt.edu by **5 pm on April 30, 2018**.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed for their responsiveness to this request for proposals and evaluated using the following criteria:

- Ability to impact a wide range of students within a specific academic discipline and/or across academic disciplines
- Contribute to enhancing the global competency of UNT's students
- Demonstrate curriculum innovations
- Contribute to international impact in UNT's classrooms
- Promote comprehensive internationalization on UNT's campus

Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate cost-sharing from the applicant's college and/or department.

REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by a UNT committee of faculty and/or staff who will make award recommendations to the UNT Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

RFP Opens:	March 5, 2018
RFP Closes:	April 30, 2018
Decision Announcements:	June 25, 2018
Project Period:	September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019
Final Report:	September 30, 2019

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Charn Uswachoke Scholars are required to submit a short report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by September 30, 2019. The report should be no more than two (2) pages and should include the project outcomes and future activities along with a list of contacts, if applicable, that were established during the project.

CONTACT INFORMATION

UNT applicants are encouraged to direct inquiries to Amanda White Bennett at Amanda.White@unt.edu or (940) 369-5292. Additional information is available online at: <http://international.unt.edu/engagement/global-funding>.

