

THE CHARN USWACHOKE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 2019-2020

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.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2019-2020 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 the study abroad experience for UNT students. Curriculum development activities include: (a) designing study abroad programs that include intercultural learning outcomes and/or intercultural professional development activities, (b) participating in an approved faculty professional development program that promotes study abroad program development, (c) internationalizing existing curriculum that will serve as a feeder course into a study abroad program, and/or (d) other approved activities.

Proposals must demonstrate how the proposed activity fills gaps within current curriculum and/or degree programs and enhances the study abroad experience for UNT students. Applicants must meet with the UNT Study Abroad Director to discuss the proposed study abroad initiative prior to submitting an application.

- Allowable expenses: (a) program fees and/or airfare for one (1) faculty member per proposal to participate in an approved professional development program, such as an IES, CIEE, or SIT faculty seminar abroad program or other approved program, and/or (b) airfare, accommodations, and/or local transportation for one (1) faculty member per proposal to participate in a short (approximately 2-5 days) site visit abroad to develop a study abroad program.

- **Academic Conferences/Workshops:**

The Charn Fund supports academic conferences/workshops held on the UNT campus for the enrichment of student learning. 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/or address a global grand challenge. The majority of the academic conference/workshop participants must be current UNT students. The academic conference/workshop may involve the participation of additional UNT faculty beyond the primary faculty organizer(s) as well as outside faculty, scholars, and students.

- 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 Courses:**

The Charn Fund supports initiatives that involve the integration of global components and intercultural learning outcomes into UNT's courses, including: (a) course redesign and/or new course development, (b) developing globally focused on-campus co-curricular activities that are linked to UNT courses, (c) hosting high impact visiting lecturers who address international topics and reach students from multiple disciplines, (d) integrating online international learning through course modules that are co-taught with an instructor abroad and/or involve group projects with students from institutions outside the U.S., and/or (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/or other approved items, (c) purchasing of relevant instructional materials like international films, books, artifacts, and/or (d) other approved items.

BUDGET RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

The allowable expenses are described under the Program Description. The Charn Fund does not support the following expenses: salaries or operating expenses for personnel, projects, or offices. The Charn Fund provides support to UNT faculty 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, travel support, and/or other items.

AWARD INFORMATION

Award amounts vary with the past average award amount around \$3,000. 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.

PROPOSAL APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

Proposals should include the following:

- Charn Fund Proposal Form with all required signatures (refer to page 3)
- Proposal Narrative (two-page maximum) that provides an overview of the project, describes the purpose, goals, and expected outcomes, includes a project plan and timeline, and articulates how the project aligns with the Charn Fund's purpose and intent.
- Applicants submitting a proposal under the Curriculum Development in Support of Study Abroad category must meet with the UNT Study Abroad Director to discuss the proposed study abroad program prior to submitting an application.

Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF to Amanda.White@unt.edu by **5 pm on April 30, 2019**.

REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

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

- 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

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

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 1, 2019

RFP Closes: April 30, 2019

Decision Announcements: May 15, 2019

Project Period: September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

Final Report: September 30, 2020

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Charn Uswachoke Scholars are required to submit a short report to Amanda.White@unt.edu by September 30, 2020. 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

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: <https://international.unt.edu/content/grants-and-funding-opportunities>.

CHARN FUND PROPOSAL FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name **Category**
(refer to page 1) **Proposal Title** **Project Dates**

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: Attach a proposal narrative that is no more than 2 pages. The proposal narrative should include the following: (a) overview of the project, (b) description of the purpose, goals, and expected outcomes, (b) inclusion of a project plan and timeline, and (c) articulation of how the project aligns with the Charn Fund’s purpose and intent.

BUDGET REQUEST: Complete the budget form below.

Budget Item and Brief Description	Charn Fund Request	UNT College Support	UNT Dept. Support	Other Funding Sources	Total
TOTAL					

APPROVAL SIGNATURES: Sign and date below and obtain approval signatures.

Applicant's Signature

Chair's Signature

Dean's Signature