

# GLOBAL VENTURE FUND (GVF): CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2023-2024

## OVERVIEW

The 2023-2024 Global Venture Fund (GVF) supports innovative projects and initiatives that advance UNT's strategic global engagements in the following categories:

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

UNT faculty and lectures are eligible to apply with the approval of their dean.

The online application is available at [GVF Application](#). The application deadline is October 20, 2023. There will be another call for applications in spring 2024.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Amanda Bennett at [amanda.white@unt.edu](mailto:amanda.white@unt.edu).

## PROGRAM CATEGORIES

### Academic Conferences

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 a large-scale impact to UNT, such as bringing national/international-level recognition to UNT, involving multiple UNT colleges/departments, and/or including the participation of a significant number of UNT faculty and students.

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

### Collaborative Research/Creative Activities

The GVF supports collaborative research/creative activities that involve establishing or expanding research collaborations/creative activities with universities/institutions abroad. The Collaborative Research/Creative Activities category does not support UNT faculty participating in conferences, exhibitions, performances, keynote speaking engagements, or similar activities. The duration of the visit will be considered with preference given to proposals that include longer visits.

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

### Hosting Visiting International Scholars

The GVF supports hosting visiting scholars from universities/institutions abroad at UNT for the purpose of undertaking collaborative research/teaching. In addition to collaborative research/teaching, the visiting international scholar is required to participate in presentations/lectures or other activities in which the visiting international scholar engages in scholarly dialogue with the UNT community, including both faculty and students. The duration of the visit will be considered with preference given to proposals that include longer visits to UNT.

- **Maximum Amount per Award:** \$2,500
- **Allowable Expenses:** (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and/or (d) local transportation for the visiting international scholar

## REVIEW CRITERIA

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

- Contributes to high-impact and high-value global engagement activities for UNT's scholarship (academic, research, and/or creative activities)
- Enhances UNT's strategic global engagements
- Advances UNT's partnerships and collaborations with universities/institutions abroad
- Contributes to scholarly outputs
- Demonstrates a large-scale impact to UNT

Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate college/department cost-share.

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 in 2023-2024. The number of awards, award amounts, and use of funds is at the discretion of the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs.

Please 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, except in cases in which the UNT community has open access to these resources
- Student scholarships or tuition waivers
- Study abroad scholarships or student scholarships to participate in field trips, conferences, performances, exhibits, and/or similar activities
- Registration fees or expenses related to presentations/participation at conferences (or similar events)
- Salaries, wages, and/or honorarium for visitors/visiting scholars

All GVF project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the fiscal year (no later than August 10, 2024). Any remaining funds from the GVF funds will not carryforward into the next fiscal year. In the event the project cannot be started/completed during the project period due to any circumstance, project funds will not carryforward into the next fiscal year and the recipient must inform Dr. Amanda Bennett at [amanda.white@unt.edu](mailto:amanda.white@unt.edu).

## IMPORTANT DATES

- October 20, 2023      Application Deadline
- August 10, 2024      Expense Reconciliation Deadline
- August 10, 2024      Project Report Due