

University System of Georgia
Office of International Education

***“INTERNATIONALIZING THE CAMPUS:
TRANSFORMING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN THE USG”***

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2008 - 2009**

The University System of Georgia Office of International Education announces a call for proposals for its *Internationalizing the Campus* grants program. Established in 2006, this grants program supports major institutional initiatives that will have a significant impact on *internationalizing the campus* (ITC). The ITC competition is designed for USG campuses that are prepared to take major steps forward in building international perspectives and global competencies into the fabric of undergraduate education.

For the 2008 – 2009 grants cycle, USG OIE seeks proposals that address and support the *USG Principles of International Education*. In preparing for this competition, institutions should assess their current state of internationalization, identify broad programmatic goals that align with one or more of the *USG Principles of International Education*, and develop specific strategies to achieve those goals. Grants may be awarded both for new initiatives and for those that expand on existing internationalization efforts.

We expect institutions to take comprehensive, ambitious, and creative approaches that impact students across campus; we also realize that some large universities may find it appropriate to begin with a college-wide rather than a campus-wide plan (departments or units below the college/division level are not eligible to apply). Institutions are encouraged to examine “best practices” in international education which have been recognized by national organizations such as the American Council on Education, NAFSA, and IIE; these award-winning initiatives include academic, co-curricular, and administrative strategies.

The maximum grant amount request is \$60,000. Funding will be available as early as January 2009 and may be continued through June 2010. Some supplemental funds may be available in successive years for grantees who achieve their initial goals.

Preliminary Proposal: Complete the required three-page ITC Preliminary Proposal form. Provide all information in the space provided. No additional pages or attachments should accompany the application. Submit the Preliminary Proposal electronically by the deadline to ReLiang Tsang at reliang.tsang@usg.edu. Only one submission per institution will be accepted. Proposals must be authorized by the institution’s representative to the System Council on International Education (SCIE) and by the institution’s President.

Deadline: Friday, 7 November 2008 @ 5:00 p.m. ET

Selection Process: OIE will schedule on-campus interviews with the architects of the most promising preliminary proposals. The invited finalists will have the opportunity to present their plans in greater detail during that visit, to demonstrate institutional support for the initiative, and to consider suggestions and answer questions from the review team. The review team may request additional information during this phase of the selection process. Campus site visits are expected to occur during the period December 1—14, with the announcement of award recipients in January 2009. This process is intended to establish an active partnership between OIE and the selected institution(s) to ensure successful implementation of the ITC plan during the grant period.

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