ISE Global Competency Funding Initiative

Purpose
The Internationalizing the Student Experience (ISE) initiative provides funding to support MSU units and individuals working on efforts that support MSU’s undergraduate liberal and global learning outcomes (see http://undergrad.msu.edu/).

Grant awards fall into three broad categories:

1. Individual travel grants;
2. Programmatic and curricular grants; and
3. One College or unit curriculum revision grant.

Award Categories:
Funds are awarded in three, non-discrete categories:

- **Individual Travel Grants**—Four awards of up to $6,000 for faculty and staff with teaching responsibilities. Applicants must show clear connection between travel and changes to their instructional practice.

- **Programmatic and Course Development Grants**—Five awards up to $15,000 to individuals or units seeking to revise existing, develop new, or pilot programs or course-based efforts related to campus internationalization.

- **Curriculum Revision Grant**—One award of up to $30,000 for a College, Department, or academic unit seeking to revise a College, departmental, or programmatic curriculum. This revision represents a systemic re-conceptualization of the program, with emphasis on learning outcomes and assessment, not additive or course-by-course changes.

Eligibility & Timelines
Units, faculty, registered student organizations, and collaborative teams are eligible for awards. The exact amount of the award depends on the type of award requested (see above). Awarding of funds is on a non-reoccurring basis, and grantees are eligible to receive funds once every three funding cycles.

For any given academic year, the ISE Team will disburse money on a rolling basis until funding is gone from July through June. Typically, when ISE receives a proposal, the coordinator will distribute it for review electronically, and the review committee will discuss the proposal at its next meeting.
To discuss funding options or consult on the development of a proposal, please contact any of the ISE team members (listed at the bottom of this document and on-line). Based on the team’s previous experience, successful proposals are typically written or conceptualized after consultation with a member of the ISE team. This person will serve as the liaison between you and the ISE team and help you throughout the proposal process.

To submit a proposal or inquire generally about funding, please contact Dr. James M. Lucas at lucasjam@msu.edu or by phone at 517-355-0171.

**Base Criteria**
To qualify for allocation of ISE funding, the unit or individual must meet the following minimal criteria:

1. Request aligns with the overall vision, mission, and goals of ISE.
2. Request fits within the funding limits and cannot have been funded by ISE within the last two years.
3. Request fits into one or more of the funding categories.
4. Request includes a detailed budget and defines how the project will be assessed and evaluated for short- and long-term impact.
5. Request indicates additional support (financial, in-kind, etc.) from the sponsoring unit or other, external sources.
6. Request must describe the outcome(s) or product(s), and show a clear connection between the outcome and the furthering of the Liberal Learning and Global Competency goals at MSU.
7. Request discusses process for disseminating and/or communicating the outcomes of the project (e.g., writing a paper, giving a presentation, campus seminars, etc.).

**2010 Guiding Principles for Funding**
The ISE initiative recognizes that many campus units and individuals are already engaged in work related to internationalization, inclusion, global education, and intercultural learning. As such, when making funding decisions, the review team will use the following “guiding principles” as a means of prioritizing and allocating funding.

*Please note that these principles, unlike the base criteria, can and will change based on the needs of the campus and ISE priorities.*

- Funding will lead to substantive changes in the undergraduate curriculum as related to the global competency goals.
- Funding project highlights collaboration between campus units or individuals who have traditionally not worked together (specifically between academic and student affairs and/or international and multicultural educators).
• Funding supports the continued integration of an area, cultural or thematic center (e.g., Asian Studies Center) into the broader undergraduate curriculum or co-curriculum.
• Funding request includes matching funds from the requesting unit or person and/or incorporates a plan for seeking outside, non-MSU funding as part of the project.

Requests for Funding
To request funding, please submit a five-page proposal to Jim Lucas (lucasjam@msu.edu) via email. This proposal should address the points outlined in the base-criteria, and should specifically include:

1. An brief description of the proposed project and purpose for the funding request, including its relationship to ISE goals and the funding criteria;

2. A description of the project “team” (i.e., names, titles, job functions, and qualifications of team members);

3. Detail about the project’s proposed outcomes, including assessment and evaluation measures, and lasting impact (i.e., how will the program lead to lasting, sustainable change);

4. Explanation of how the project will further campus internationalization, specifically the Global Competencies; and

5. A draft budget and schedule for the proposed work, including information about additional funding, donations, or requests that have been made, if any.

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