

Florida Gulf Coast University

Global Engagement Office (GEO)

Faculty-Led Study Abroad (FLSA) Program Development Fund

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) announces a one-time funding opportunity for faculty-led study abroad (FLSA) program development. The goal of this initiative is to support the professional development of faculty, and increase the internationalization of the campus community. Faculty-led programs are short term, international education experiences that offer innovative opportunities for students by expanding the classroom around the world. Funds may be used for site visits for developing new study abroad programs.

Eligibility

Funding of up to \$1500 available only to full-time, regular faculty of FGCU for the purpose of visits to international sites for reconnaissance and planning meetings with local counterparts or providers during summer 2022. (Funds must be encumbered before May 15 2022.) All applicants must have completed a minimum of one year of service in a full-time regular faculty role at FGCU prior to application. Funds will not be available to faculty who have led a program or conducted a site visit to the proposed site in the last three years. All proposals submitted must be for courses offering academic credit abroad. Funding is available for a limited time and is non-renewable. Cost sharing with the faculty's department and/or college is strongly encouraged. Applicants are also encouraged to meet with GEO staff to discuss the program creation and proposal prior to submission.

Requirements

- All proposed programs must include a statement of purpose clearly demonstrate how the international location augments the course content and learning experience and aligns with strategic plans of the department, college, or university.
- The application must include a detailed itinerary for the site visit with rationale for the location(s) selected.
- The application must include an itemized budget.
- Within 30 days of Completion of the site visit, the applicant must complete the SITE EVALUATION RUBRIC and write a detailed report including direct statements about how the visit influenced the program proposal.
- Applicant must commit to offer the FLSA program within two years of the site visit.
- Failure to comply with program requirements will make the recipient ineligible for any future Global Engagement Offices' grants and a formal letter of non-compliance will be provided to the faculty member's department chair and dean.

Application Deadline: March 25, 2022

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Site Assessment Rubric

Assess each category on a scale of 1–5, with 5 being the highest. Use the completed rubric as an aid to write a detailed review statement of the site, addressing each criterion. Include direct statements regarding how the site visit altered or augmented your program creation process and how the location serves as a qualitative learning tool for the course.

Name _____ College/School _____

Site Location _____ Project Title _____

Accessibility of course related functions	1	2	3	4	5
Cultural venues: museums, parks, theatres					
Classrooms, computer labs, equipment, library (if relevant)					
Proper faculty and student accommodations					
Banks/money exchange/ATM					
Research site/ process feasibility					
Good Will and Resources	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Local transportation</i>					
Restaurants/ grocery stores					
Local attitude toward international visitors/tourist					
Health and Safety	1	2	3	4	5
Overall safety of the location					
Accessibility of health services.					
Safe and reliable transportation infrastructure					
Availability of on-site assistance					
Quality of drinking water and local food					
*If specific safety requirements are needed for the area, please explain in detail in written assessment					