



CALS Global Faculty Partnership Initiative
Request for Proposals, FY 2021

9 November 2020

CALS and VCE faculty are invited to submit proposals for international travel to build and advance global partnerships. Examples include research collaborations and/or outreach consistent with the missions of CALS and VCE. Conference travel will not be funded. Proposals must address at least one of the five following priorities: 1) comprehensive health and wellness, 2) community empowerment, 3) predictive environmental solutions, 4) cultivating lifelong learners, and 5) resilience and productivity through innovation.

Guidelines:

- Open to CALS and VCE faculty employed in long-term positions with responsibility for securing external funding.
- Cost-sharing is preferred.
- Preference for new partnerships with significant potential outcomes.
- Awardees must submit a trip report summarizing the travel and outcomes/impacts within three months of return.
- Proposals should include 1) travel location(s) and dates, 2) institution(s) and individual(s) to be visited, 3) proposed budget and source(s) of funds, 4) expected outcomes/impacts, and 5) supporting information (if necessary). Outcomes and impacts must be specific and actionable, such as planned proposal submission!
- Proposals are due to martinn@vt.edu no later than COB 30 June 2021.
- Direct questions to Tom Thompson at tlthomps@vt.edu.

Evaluation:

- Proposals will be ranked by CALS leadership and other reviewers as necessary.
- Proposals will be ranked on 1) probability of success and sustainability, 2) potential benefits for CALS faculty and students, and 3) cost-sharing.

Please note that this call is open to CALS and VCE faculty in long-term positions. We do not anticipate funding requests of more than \$2,500. This call will remain open until June 30, 2021 or until available funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.