



Global Impact Mini-grants
Request for Proposals, FY 2021

9 November 2020

Do you have an idea for a gadget, gizmo, approach, intervention, or method that could make an impact globally and for which you have no current funding? Are you looking for a way to try out the idea or develop a proof of concept? Then we want to hear from you! CALS Global invites you to submit a one-page concept note for our Global Impact mini-grants. The concept note should include the 1) title, 2) brief description of the concept, 3) participants, 4) potential for global impact, and 5) budget.

Guidelines:

- Open to CALS and VCE faculty on long-term appointments.
- Allowable expenditures include 1) salary and benefits, 2) supplies, and 3) equipment costing less than \$500 per item. Travel expenses are not allowed.
- Your concept note should highlight the originality of the concept, how it could be scaled, and how it could create positive impacts related to food, health, or communities outside the USA. The primary activity can involve any of our land-grant missions. Positive domestic impacts are good as well, but the main emphasis is on global impacts. Recipients will also receive support to identify potential sponsors and develop and submit proposals for additional funding.
- Submit one-page concept notes to Nicole Martin (martinn@vt.edu) no later than COB 30 June 2021.
- Questions may be directed to Tom Thompson (tlthomps@vt.edu).

Evaluation:

- Proposals will be evaluated by CALS and VCE leadership and other reviewers as necessary.
- Proposals will be ranked upon 1) originality, 2) scalability, and 3) potential positive impacts.

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.