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CALS Global Faculty Scholars

Request for Expressions of Interest for 2021

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CALS faculty members are invited to submit expressions of interest (EOI) to serve as 2021 CALS Global Scholars. This opportunity is designed for faculty members with significant global engagement experience and success. Applicants should propose a project with a global focus and consistent with the missions of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Proposals must address at least one of the five following CALS areas of emphasis: 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 faculty in longer-term positions (i.e. post-doctoral associates are not eligible to apply).
- Award and activity will occur during 2021.
- Each award will be \$13,000 for AY faculty summer salary and benefits. Awards to CY faculty will be similar in size, but terms will be negotiated. Each Scholar may also request up to \$4,000 for travel or other expenses essential to the success of the assignment.
- Expected outcomes should have broad potential impacts for CALS and beyond.
- Awardees must submit an “after-action report” summarizing outcomes/impacts within three months of assignment completion, and a follow-up progress report no more than nine months later.
- We expect to fund up to two Global Faculty Scholars during 2021. CALS Global reserves the right to make no awards for 2021. EOI must be submitted to martinn@vt.edu no later than COB on 14 December 2020. Please include: 1) brief description of the proposed project (limit of two pages), 2) travel location(s) and dates (if applicable), 3) collaborating institutions and individuals, 4) specific and actionable expected outcomes/impacts, and 5) statement of interest in mentoring early-career faculty interested in global engagement.
- Please direct questions to Tom Thompson (tlthomps@vt.edu)

Evaluation:

- EOI will be evaluated by CALS Global with input from a review committee.
- EOI will be ranked based on: 1) quality of proposed project, 2) qualifications of applicant, 3) probability of success and impact, 4) potential benefits for CALS faculty and students, and 5) potential benefits beyond CALS.
- Applicants will be notified of results no later than 21 December 2020.