

Global Studies Program
Global Academic Partnership (GAP)
Faculty Grants

Instructions and Application Form

The Global Studies Program is pleased to announce the annual Global Academic Partnership (GAP) grant competition. **An additional grant of \$20,000 is now being offered to establish or expand opportunities for innovative multidisciplinary research on Japan-related topics.**

GAP, first launched in the fall of 2001, is an initiative of the Global Studies Program in the University Center for International Studies at Pitt. These grants are generously sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the University Center for International Studies, the International Business Center of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, and the Japan Council and the Asian Studies Center. Visit <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/gap/pastGAPs.html> for descriptions of previously funded GAP awards.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Awards will be announced by February, 2010, with the expectation all awarded funds will be expended by June 30, 2011. Applications must include a completed application form, which can be downloaded at www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/gap, and a proposal narrative (see below), which also includes curricula vitae from key participating faculty.

Funding Priorities

GAP is designed to strengthen interdisciplinary research on and curriculum development in global themes at the University of Pittsburgh, while enhancing international scholarly ties and raising the international profile of the institution. Specifically, the program supports research conferences or workshops at the University of Pittsburgh that fulfill each of the following criteria:

1. **Interdisciplinary:** proposals must be submitted by candidates from at least *two* University of Pittsburgh Schools or regional campuses (divisions in the case of the Faculty and College of Arts and Sciences).
2. **Global content:** Japan GAP proposals must focus on issues relating to Japan in comparative/transnational context.
3. **Foreign partners:** proposals must include participants from at least one foreign partner institution. Conferences and workshops should include international participants. Research involving international scholars from foreign institutions is encouraged. Proposals that involve support for student researchers in foreign exchanges with partner institutions are also encouraged.
4. **Result in publications and curricular enhancements.**

Eligibility

The *lead* faculty for each proposal must be based at the school or division identified for each GAP award (see below). Teams of *full-time and part-time tenure-stream, tenured and non-tenure-stream faculty* (including lecturers and instructors) are eligible to apply. Adjunct, visiting, and emeritus faculty are *not* eligible. Each proposal may be submitted only once (under one GAP category), however one applicant may be a member of more than one GAP team if the proposals submitted by the different teams are unique.

What Can Be Funded?

GAP awards may be used for travel (e.g., airfare, accommodations, and meals) and honoraria for conference organizers and participants, direct conference expenses (e.g., room and equipment rental and receptions), phone/postage, printing, and staff support. Funding may be used for planning meetings as well as the actual conference or workshops. Funding may also be used for international student exchanges with partner institutions for research support. Applicants are *strongly* encouraged to seek matching external funding.

Grantee Obligations

- In all project related publicity, events and publications, grantees must acknowledge the Global Studies Program as well as all other sponsors identified in the grantee award letter.
- Make reasonable efforts to publish conference proceedings and to solicit external funding.
- Regularly inform the Global Studies Program on the progress of conference planning.
- Prior to the conference, send one copy of all conference materials to the Global Studies Program as well as a brief summary or press release describing the aims and outcomes of the event for use in publicity.
- Within two months after the conference, submit a two-page summary of aims and achievements.
- Expend all funds by June 30 of the *next* academic year (e.g., June 2011 for a grant awarded in AY 2009-10).

Application Procedure

Complete the *application form* available at www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/gap.

Insert/Attach a *proposal narrative* of not more than five pages (single-spaced, minimum 10-point font size), which:

- o demonstrates that the project fulfills GAP funding priorities (described above)
- o describes the purpose and nature of the conference/workshop and provides approximate dates
- o identifies institutions and individuals involved, and in what capacity
- o explains expected costs and available non-GAP funding

Insert/Attach Curriculum Vitae for each key participating faculty member.

Questions about GAP or the application process should be directed to Dr. Melissa Reed, Global Studies associate director (melissa@pitt.edu / x87409). **E-mail all application materials to Melissa directly with a subject line of “GAP COMPETITION” by December 1, 2009.**
