

Purpose

Pilot funding is available from Duke's Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs to help faculty develop innovative education and research programs in China.

Overview

Proposed projects may include other Chinese higher education institutions, but ideally will have a strong connection with Duke Kunshan University. This academic year we anticipate two requests for proposals (RFPs), one in the fall and one in the spring. This RFP is open for proposals in any target area, but particularly encourages proposals that focus on the following topics:

- China studies, broadly defined (history, culture, arts, economic developments, China foreign relations, political science, sociology, etc.)
- Humanities and the Arts
- Economics
- Environmental Studies (economics, science, engineering, management and policy)
- Public Policy

Awards will be made up to a maximum of \$20,000, though most awards will be smaller; co-funding from other sources is welcome and encouraged.

Priority will be given to proposals for innovative, long-term activities at Duke Kunshan University, including programming for the Global Learning Semester and graduate and/or professional programs. Examples of education programs include:

- The development of new courses
- Service/immersive learning experiences
- Certificate programs
- Intensive workshops

Research program proposals might request funds to stimulate research collaborations, support promising China-based research endeavors, or promote professional interactions. Examples of research programs include:

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Professional Training Sessions

Eligibility

- All regular-rank faculty, including those in professional schools, may submit a proposal.
- Groups of faculty are encouraged to apply.
- Collaborators are not required to be regular rank faculty.

Preference will be given to applicant groups that represent different disciplines, departments, divisions, schools, institutes, etc. No prior experience or existing collaborations in China are necessary to apply.

Proposal Guidelines

Proposals should include the following:

1. Proposal Cover Sheet

- List the individual who will serve as the contact person for the award (PI), the individual's department, and contact information.
- List the title of proposed project, the total amount of funding requested and the submission date.
- List the sponsoring department business manager. If possible, please also include the fund code where expenses will be incurred.

2. A brief narrative (no more than 3 pages)

- Define the proposed education or research program.
- Describe the program timeline, including prospective sustained activities.
- Describe its potential impact.
- List the application faculty member(s) qualifications.
- Provide a plan for evaluating the program's success.
- Include a draft syllabus, outline or agenda, if applicable.

3. Budget

- Include a detailed budget outlining the usage of the funds requested.
- List existing funding sources and funding already applied for.
- Provide anticipated sources of funding for the program.

4. Curriculum Vitae

- Include a 2-page CV for all key personnel.

Submit your proposals as a single PDF, with cover sheet on top, to Irina Adams at the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs (irina.adams@duke.edu) by November 17, 2016.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by the China Faculty Council (CFC). For proposals relevant to DKU, the chair of the CFC will also consult with the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the appropriate Associate Dean at Duke Kunshan University to ensure that the project is both feasible and appropriate for Duke Kunshan. Preference will be given to applications that:

- Propose multidisciplinary programs.
- Demonstrate potential for long-term impact at Duke Kunshan or that promote collaborations between faculty at Duke Kunshan and Duke.
- Propose programs or activities that directly engage students.

Decisions will be announced in December 2016, to allow time for activities and programs to begin as early as Spring 2017. Successful proposals may undergo additional budget revisions in consultation with the applicants following review by the China Faculty Council, in order to ensure the most consistent and impactful use of funds.

ERIC Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where can I find more information about the China Faculty Council and Duke’s plans in China?** More information about the China Faculty Council can be found on the [University Committees website](#). Visit the [Duke Global website](#) for more details on Duke’s work in China and the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs.
- **What types of education or research programs will be supported by ERIC funds?** The China Faculty Council is interested in supporting the development of highly innovative programming that will complement the University’s efforts to extend our education and research activities in China, specifically at Duke Kunshan University. For this round of applications, ERIC is will give priority to projects related to undergraduate programs focused on: China studies, broadly defined (history, culture, arts, economic developments, China foreign relations, political science, sociology, etc.); Humanities and the Arts; Economics, Environmental Studies (economics, science, engineering, management and policy); and Public Policy. Proposals for graduate and professional programs will also be considered. Examples of previously funded ERIC projects can be found on the [Duke Global website](#).
- **Where should the proposed education or research program be based?** We invite applications for programs based at Duke Kunshan University and will consider extraordinary ideas for other areas in China as well.
- **Are education program funds available only for course development or for other types of educational programs?** We invite applications for education programs of any type, in any thematic area.
- **Will preference be given to those with extensive experience in China?** We invite applications from faculty with all levels of experience in China, though applicants with extensive experience in China may have projects with a more mature track record and hence may have higher priority for funding.
- **What is the earliest start date for proposed activities and programs?** Spring 2017.
- **What types of costs are permitted for this award?** ERIC funds are intended to support pilot and development activities; in many cases actually offering new courses or programs developed as part of this initiative would of necessity involve additional funding from other sources. Applicants are encouraged to investigate other sources of financial support (e.g. departmental, institute, foundation funds) for their proposed program. Award funds may not be used to support faculty/staff salaries.
- **Who should we contact with questions about our proposal?** You may consult any member of the [China Faculty Council](#) listed on the University Committees website, or send questions to [Irina Adams](#) in the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs.