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Purpose
Pilot funding is available from Duke’s Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs to help faculty develop innovative education and research programs at the Duke Kunshan University campus.

Overview
Proposed projects may include other Chinese higher education institutions, but should have a strong focus on Duke Kunshan University. This academic year we are particularly soliciting proposals that focus on the following areas:

- China studies, broadly defined (history, culture, arts, economic developments, China foreign relations, political science, sociology, etc.)
- Economics, Business and Finance
- Environmental Studies (economics, science, engineering, management and policy)
- Humanities and the Arts
- 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 that focus on the undergraduate Global Learning Semester program at Duke Kunshan University, but we also encourage proposals that pertain to 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 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 applicants.

Submit your proposals as a single PDF, with cover sheet on top, to Jennifer Bailey at the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs (jennifer.bailey@duke.edu) by January 30, 2016. Proposal deadline has been extended to February 15, 2016.

Review Criteria
Proposals will be reviewed by the China Faculty Council (CFC). The chair of the CFC will also consult with the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Duke Kunshan University and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs 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 on Duke Kunshan’s campus or Duke’s campus, as well as those that engage students, particularly undergraduates.

Decisions will be announced early March 2016 to allow time for activities and programs to begin as early as summer 2016. 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 **Academic Council website**. Visit Duke’s **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. This academic year ERIC is focused on projects related to undergraduate programs focused on: China studies, broadly defined (history, culture, arts, economic developments, China foreign relations, political science, sociology, etc.); Economics, Business and Finance; Environmental Studies (economics, science, engineering, management and policy); Humanities and the Arts; and Public Policy. Proposals for graduate and professional programs will also be considered. A list of previously funded ERIC projects can be found on the **Global Funding Opportunities 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. Please note, there is a separate source of funding for travel to China for course or program development. Please visit the **Global Funding Opportunities website** or contact **Jennifer Bailey** in the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs for more details.

• Will preference be given to those with extensive experience in China? No, we invite applications from faculty with all levels of experience in China.

• What is the earliest start date for proposed activities and programs? Spring 2016.

• 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 Committee** listed on the Academic Council website, or send questions to **Jennifer Bailey** in the Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs.