Travel Grant for China Course or Program Development

Duke University’s Office of Duke Kunshan University Programs is pleased to announce a call for applications from Duke faculty members wishing to visit Duke Kunshan University (Duke Kunshan) to explore potential course development or research opportunities. The purpose of the travel grant is to increase the engagement between Duke faculty, Duke Kunshan faculty and faculty from other institutions in China, and to create opportunities for collaborative work that would result in a course, program or research project at Duke Kunshan. These funds are intended for an initial exploratory trip that could lead to a more substantial project.

Deadline:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and will receive a response within one month of submission.

Applications should include:

- Cover letter
- 2-page CV for all members of the group
- Proposal (2-3 pages):
  1. Indicating proposed date(s) and area(s) for the visit;
  2. Describing the potential course or research opportunity, including how it would benefit their research interests as well the strategic goals of Duke and Duke Kunshan;
  3. Identifying potential partners in China (i.e., who they would like to meet with);

Applications will be reviewed by the ODCI, in consultation with representatives from Duke Kunshan. Priority will be given to Duke faculty members who are making their first visit to Duke Kunshan or China. We anticipate making 5-7 awards per year.

Financial Support provided for the visit will include:

- Cost of China visa.
- Round-trip economy airfare between Durham and Shanghai. This is per Duke standard travel (and for this program includes Economy Plus™ on United, Economy Comfort™ on Delta, and Main Cabin Extra™ on American).
- Transportation cost to and from the airports in Durham and Shanghai (or other approved airport in China.)
- A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 nights accommodation in Kunshan or proposed area; the visitors must be available at least two days for meeting with faculty and interested parties at Duke Kunshan. Typically visitors would arrive in Kunshan or proposed area on Sunday or Monday and depart on Thursday or Friday.
- A per diem of $50/day to cover costs associated with food and local travel for the days engaged in professional activities in Kunshan/China.
- ODCI will assist travelers with the visa process, flight and hotel bookings, local transportation arrangements, and meeting coordination with the Duke Kunshan team.

Please submit applications electronically to Catherine Barzler, Project Coordinator, Office of DKU Programs, at catherine.barzler@duke.edu.

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