



OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

## **Spring 2018 Request for Proposals Faculty Global Symposium in Guildford, U.K.** (UGPN Annual Meeting at the University of Surrey)

**Symposium Website:**

<https://global.ncsu.edu/global-symposium/>

**Key Dates:**

September 14, 2017	RFP Released
October 20, 2017	Proposal Due Date
November 10, 2017	Decision Notification
Week of April 9, 2018	Program Dates

**Program Description:**

The [Office of Global Engagement](#) at NC State strives to promote faculty and staff global scholarship and research across the university's colleges and departments. NC State has been part of the [University Global Partnership Network \(UGPN\)](#), a growing global consortium with members in the U.K., Australia and Brazil since 2011. The consortium includes NC State, the University of Surrey, the University of Wollongong and the University of São Paulo. The group meets annually to discuss collaborative opportunities including joint research and scholarship, graduate student training, and the flagship [Research Collaboration Fund](#) program. Since its inception, the fund has provided more than \$961,500 to support 46 international research projects. The annual UGPN Meeting for 2018 will be hosted by our U.K. partner (the University of Surrey) the week of April 9 (exact dates TBD).

In 2017, the Office of Global Engagement established an annual Faculty Global Symposium (inaugural symposium held in [Prague](#)). For 2018, the the second annual symposium will coincide with the UGPN annual meeting in Guildford, U.K. in an effort to spur faculty engagement with the consortium's global strategic partners.

Collaborative opportunities abound within the UGPN. This UGPN meeting is designed for faculty to explore areas for collaboration across the network. Participants will meet and network faculty from any of the four member institutions to share information on research activities and develop plans for collaboration. Discipline-specific meetings will also be arranged for participants to explore co-teaching or collaborative research opportunities. Priority will be given to new or expanding collaborations.

Some of broad themes for the UGPN meeting may include:

- Emerging Communication Technologies
- Data Science & Analytics
- Health & Wellbeing
- Entrepreneurship & Economic Development
- Environment & Resiliency
- Engineering a Smarter Planet
- Connecting Societies & Cultures

In your application, please articulate how your research may fit into one of these themes or other research areas at the [partner universities](#). These topics areas are intended to serve as a starting point, but proposals are open to any areas of mutual research strengths among the UGPN institutions.

**Objectives:**

1. Participants will learn about the background, mission & vision, resources and opportunities for collaboration within the UGPN.
2. Participants will explore program development and research collaboration opportunities with faculty from the four UGPN member institutions.
3. Participants will present about research activities in concurrent workshops.

**Budget & Logistics:**

Up to 12 faculty members will be selected to participate in the UGPN Meeting to be held in Guildford, U.K. the week of April 9, with the Office of Global Engagement covering a portion of the travel expenses. Participants will receive reimbursement from the Office of Global Engagement up to \$2,000 upon completion of the program and reporting requirements. Departments will be expected to cover upfront travel costs and all Travel Authorizations will be processed through the applicant's home department. Travel recommendations will be provided for participants by the Office of Global Engagement. Participants are required to make flight arrangements, aligned within specified time windows to facilitate airport transfers and ensure full participation in the program. Additional travel details and logistics will be communicated to the selected cohort well in advance of the travel dates.

**Review Criteria:**

- Open to all NC State faculty interested in exploring strategic opportunities for collaboration within the UGPN
- Applicants must articulate how they plan to use this trip to engage with partners within the UGPN in the future, including developing scholarly and/or research collaborations
- Applicants are encouraged to explain how their research aligns with broad research themes outlined above
- Priority will be given to faculty looking to begin new collaborations or substantially expand on existing collaboration between the universities
- Applicants from a variety of academic colleges and departments, at any rank or level, are encouraged
- Applicants must be able to participate in the full schedule of activities the week of April 9th at the University of Surrey
- Department Head, or equivalent, (i.e. supervisor) approval required

**Proposal Submission Instructions:**

- Applicants are required to submit their completed proposals using the [application form](#) by Friday, October 20th at 5:00pm.
- Applications submitted by the deadline that are complete and meet eligibility requirements will be evaluated for merit by a review panel comprised of Office of Global Engagement faculty and staff members. The final acceptance decisions are based on available funds and review criteria outlined above.

**Post-Award Reporting Requirements:**

Participants are required to provide a 1-page white paper of planned research collaboration to the Office of Global Engagement within 30 days after travel is completed (May 10th, 2018). Travel reimbursement funds are contingent upon the submission of the white paper. The Office of Global Engagement may also contact program participants for longer-term impact reporting.

**Program Contact:**

*For more information about the program or RFP, please contact:*

Office of Global Engagement  
[ncstateglobal@ncsu.edu](mailto:ncstateglobal@ncsu.edu) or (919) 515-3201

## 2018 FACULTY GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM IN GUILDFORD, U.K.

**Signature Page****2018 Request for Proposals:** [global.ncsu.edu/global-symposium](http://global.ncsu.edu/global-symposium)**Proposal Due Date:** October 20, 2017**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name:  
Title:  
College or Department:  
Phone:  
Email:

## APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By signing this application, I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may result in the removal of this application from review.

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*Print Name**Signature**Date***Applicant**

## DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION

I acknowledge that our department has reviewed the proposal and supports this application. I understand that if selected, the participant's home department is responsible for covering up front travel costs. Participants are eligible for up to \$2,000 reimbursement from the Office of Global Engagement upon completion of reporting requirements.

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*Print Name**Signature**Date***Department Head/Supervisor**