Global Engagement Institute
2021/22 Call for Nominations

Introduction

The Global Engagement Institute is an annual program by NC State’s Office of Global Engagement (NC State Global), in collaboration with colleges and other administrative units across campus, to provide professional development, support, guidance and consultation for faculty and staff interested in developing research, scholarship or academic programs with an international focus. The objective of the Institute is to expand faculty/staff global engagement that will strengthen and enhance NC State collaboration with our global partners.

Each year, a cohort of up to 12 faculty and/or staff members is selected to participate in a variety of professional development activities focusing on a world region or topical orientation. This initiative expands upon existing high impact opportunities such as study abroad, international student mobility, and traditional student/faculty mobility to include a wider variety of program models, primarily by providing many more online or virtual global learning options, as well as campus-based curricular and co-curricular global activities. For the 2021-2022 academic year, the focus will be on expanding academic and research collaboration through the Global Learning for All initiative.

Two tracks will be offered to participants;

1. The development of an expertise in Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) connections that create virtual, interactive educational opportunities for faculty and students through shared experiences across international borders. The Institute will utilize NC State’s membership in the SUNY COIL network to provide expert workshops with the expectation that participants in this track will develop their own COIL experience for the 2022-23 academic year.

2. Building on our global partnerships and curricular and co-curricular initiatives already underway at NC State on the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), this track will identify ways these initiatives, such as the two year SDG campus programming initiative, SDG course inventory and Academics Working Group in the Sustainability office can more effectively engage students, faculty, staff, and the wider community in these activities.
Institute activities will include both in-person and virtual workshops, seminars, and expert consultation with local and global partners. It will culminate with a trip to a peer institution in the US to study best practices and share the NC State experience. We envision this to be a sustainable endeavor that will enable the participants to build active collaborations and develop leadership to support global engagement at NC State.

Eligibility

- Full-time permanent NC State faculty (all tracks) or EHRA professional staff are eligible for nomination to the Global Engagement Institute.

Support Provided

NC State Global will dedicate staff, resources, logistics and communication support to programming and partner engagement for this initiative.

- **Partnership engagement:** NC State Global will liaise with our global partner institutions for relationship-building support.
- **Global programming:** NC State Global will organize a series of on-campus events and activities to enhance professional development, present best practices in international education and facilitate networking among NC State faculty and professional staff with expertise in global collaboration.
- **Funding:** NC State Global will provide financial support up to $2,000 overall to facilitate each participant’s course or activity development ($1000 supplemental pay) and potential Institute-related travel, specifically for a peer institution, immediately following the end of the Spring semester (e.g., flights, hotel, etc. subject to university travel restrictions). It will also include access to SUNY COIL workshops and other professional development opportunities.

Application Process and Materials

Candidates should provide the application materials (see bulleted list below) to their college dean or unit director for review. Each college/unit can select one nominee for participation who has not previously participated in a Global Engagement Institute, and send application materials to NC State Global at: (ncstateglobal@ncsu.edu). NC State Global will make the final selection of participants based on the application quality and best match with this Institute’s objectives.

- A 250-word statement of intention that describes your reasons for applying, what to accomplish, and how the Global Engagement Institute experience aligns with
your international research, academic program development interests and career goals.

- Suggested NC State expert(s) who could provide consultation to the Institute participant, either the COIL or Sustainable Development Goals focus or activities that align with the participant’s aim.
- Abbreviated two-page CV
- Letter of support from the department head or supervisor, affirming that:
  - The candidate’s statement of intention for the Global Engagement Institute aligns with unit expectations for the candidate.
  - The unit/department’s support for the candidate to engage and fulfill the required Institute responsibilities

Benefits to the Participant

- Structured experience to gain knowledge from NC State faculty and staff members engaged in the Global Learning for All initiative
- Professional development workshops/activities throughout the academic year
- Networking opportunities with other experienced global education leaders
- Funded course or activity development to the individual ($1000 supplemental pay) and potential Institute travel and SUNY COIL workshop participation or other professional development opportunities.

Expectations

The following activities are part of the expectations for each Global Engagement Institute member:

- Attendance at orientation (save the date: November 30, 2021)
- Participation in topical seminar or professional development workshops
- Meeting with identified NC State faculty engaged in COIL and SDG initiatives
- Participation in the SDG Action and Awareness Week (March 2022)
- Participation in the peer visit (TBD immediately following Spring semester)
- Status report (accomplishments and next steps) one month after peer visit
- Attendance at Global Engagement Exposition (April 20, 2022)
- Join a respective Regional Engagement Team(s) based on individual interests

Deliverables
At the end of the 2021-22 academic year, participants will provide a status report or action plan with timetables to articulate specific deliverables, which align with those either set out in the original statement of intention or developed from participation in the Institute. Some examples (not exhaustive or exclusive) may include development of a COIL course or SDG co-curricular activity for the 2022-23 academic year, formulation of a joint research project and plans to seek external funding, submission of a Fulbright application, establishing a study abroad program*, organizing a conference/workshop or hosting visiting scholars at NC State.

* If the participant intends to propose development of a study abroad program, please note that there is a formal proposal and approval process within the Study Abroad Office having associated guidelines and deadlines.

Role of Expert Consultants

Applicants should identify, in coordination with NC State Global, one or more faculty or qualified staff from NC State with experience in international education, research, scholarship or professional work. Applicants are encouraged to identify expert(s) outside of their department or college based on practical expertise (e.g. Fulbright Scholar or grant recipient) or active involvement in Global Learning for All activities.

Participants and consultants are expected to collaborate on a regular basis, and or schedule meetings as necessary. Consultants are also expected to attend the initial networking reception (November 30, 2021), participate in the professional development workshops, and attend the Global Engagement Exposition in the spring (April 20, 2022).

Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- **Eligibility**: Full-time permanent NC State faculty or EHRA professional staff
- **Commitment**: Evidence of the applicant’s capacity and willingness to commit the time needed to benefit from the Institute experience, and to carry through on outcomes.
- **Interest**: Evidence of the applicant’s interest in international, research, or experience and in the personal and professional benefits of the program
- **Endorsement**: Evidence of enthusiastic endorsement from department head or supervisor and nomination by the respective colleges/units.
- **Coherence**: Evidence that the applicant’s international interests and plans are consistent with the goals of the Global Engagement Institute.
Timeline

Announcement of Call for Nominations: September 20, 2021
Deadline for Nominations to Colleges/Units: October 20, 2021
Deadline for College Nominations to NC State Global: November 1, 2021
Announcement of selected Global Engagement Institute members: November 8, 2021
Orientation and networking reception: November 30, 2021
Programming during the Spring semester with potential travel in May / June 2022

Contact

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