



Global Gateway:

A UNL Student, Faculty, and Curriculum Development Program

Global Gateway is a new initiative designed to promote and enhance global competency among students and faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. UNL is issuing a Call for Applications from UNL faculty interested in becoming Global Gateway Faculty Leaders.

Background:

In an increasingly complicated and interdependent world, UNL graduates need to be prepared to live, lead and work in a global society. They need the kind of global competency that comes from:

- Experiencing another culture.
- Developing a working familiarity with a modern language other than English.
- Developing the ability to understand and appreciate different cultural perspectives.
- Acquiring knowledge about the interconnectedness of world history, regional geography, regional cultures, world literatures, and economic, political, and environmental systems.
- Acquiring the ability to identify and discuss international and cultural issues.

To create more opportunities within the UNL curriculum for students to develop global competency, the Chancellor is pleased to announce the new UNL Global Gateway Program. This program, funded by the NU Foundation, will:

- Provide assistance and preparation for students seeking to study abroad.
- Help our faculty continue to develop global competency so that UNL is better situated to develop that in our students.

A Call for Applications:

Three UNL faculty members will be selected to be Global Gateway Faculty Leaders. A Faculty Leader will offer a for-credit, short-term, study-abroad

opportunity in Summer 2010. In addition to being paid their salary by Summer Sessions, each leader will receive an additional \$1,500 for leading a pre-trip reading seminar and taking along up to 5 UNL faculty colleagues (Global Gateway Faculty Associate) on the trip. Up to 15 students, who have never previously traveled outside North America, will be offered \$1500 study-abroad scholarships for each trip.

Global Gateway Faculty Leaders

Applications will be reviewed by members of the International Programs Advisory Council who will make recommendations to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Pre-Trip Reading Seminars

Each Global Gateway Faculty Leader will receive an expense account plus funds for support materials to offer an informal, non-credit, reading seminar designed to help their study-abroad students and accompanying colleagues develop some understandings of the culture, history, economy, politics, geography, and contemporary issues of the target country.

Travel Abroad--Students

Up to 45 students (at most 15 per Global Gateway Faculty Leader trip) who participate in the pre-trip reading seminars and who have never previously traveled outside North America will be offered \$1500 study-abroad scholarships.

Travel Abroad—Global Gateway Faculty Associates

Up to 5 faculty members who participate in each pre-trip reading seminar series will have their basic trip expenses (airfare, housing, meals) covered. In return each Global gateway Faculty Associate will be expected to develop and offer one or more of the following, within two years of the experience:

- a study-abroad experience for students (to be designed within one year of the experience)
- a new course focused on the country of study
- a revision of a present course so that it includes significant content from/about the country of study
- a research experience for undergraduate and/or graduate students in partnership with universities, colleges, schools, or institutions within the country of study

Anticipated Outcomes

- Increased number of students able to have a study-abroad experience.
- Increased number of faculty with an increased understanding of foreign countries/cultures
- Expanded opportunities (through study-abroad offerings, courses, and research experiences) for students to develop global competency.
- Increased campus awareness of the world and Nebraska's relationship to countries and cultures that may seem distant.
- Increased global competency for UNL students.

A call for Faculty Associates will be issued later this fall.

Faculty who plan to offer for-credit, study-abroad opportunities in summer 2010 are invited now to apply to become Global Gateway Faculty Leaders.

The attached application form must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by 5pm on October 2, 2009.

Questions about the UNL Global Gateway Program may be directed to:

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Application to Become a Global Gateway Faculty Leader

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Name: _____

Faculty Rank: _____ Department: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Has this study-abroad experience been proposed to Summer Sessions and International Affairs? yes no

Dates of Summer 2010 Study-Abroad Offering: _____

Description:

Proposed draft plan and readings for a non-credit, pre-trip reading seminar:

If funded, I agree to:

- offer a non-credit, pre-trip reading seminar for faculty and students
- take along up to 5 faculty colleagues, helping them better understand the processes of establishing and offering a study-abroad experience and helping them become better informed about our target country

signature

date

*Submit this completed form to the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
by 5pm on October 2, 2009.*