The purpose of the Academy is to:

- Build a growing cohort of faculty who both regularly participate in global activities and view their scholarship through a global lens
- Heighten global awareness and discourse
- Elevate the status of MSU’s global mission
- Take advantage of campus resources in international programming
- Capitalize on opportunities to leverage external resources and partnerships
- Over time, to impact development of global priorities and influence high level strategies to address them

Overview

CANR and the College of Engineering are partnering together to create the Academy for Global Engagement Fellowship program for early- and mid-career tenure-track faculty in both colleges. Today the university is placing an increased emphasis on its global footprint. We understand that we must continuously reinvent, reinvigorate, and update in ways that both anticipate the needs of the global world and seriously engage a modern 21st century land grant university. Too small a percentage of faculties in both colleges are globally engaged in a serious way with respect to their profession and their institution. Others participate occasionally in international activities, but many of our faculties are simply disengaged from such opportunities – and indeed, the pressing need to view their scholarship and the stakeholders that they serve through the lens of a globalizing world.

The year will include a “Capstone Global Immersion Experience”

- Here faculty participants will travel to an international partner institution that they identify earlier in the program
- Faculty from MSU and their partner institutions will work together on the campus of the partner institution to strengthen their research ideas so they can culminate in an external grant proposal, a journal article that will be submitted for publication, and/or developing a paper to be presented at a professional conference.

Design of the Academy

- Cohort of 8-10 faculty, nominated by department chairs, beginning with the 2014 calendar year. Faculty must commit for one full calendar year
- Academy covers basic costs associated with each activity with the expectation that faculty will participate in every activity
- CGC will logistically support the Academy
- There will be a series of lectures/fireside chats throughout the year covering a number of topics
- Sample list of topics to be covered throughout the year:
  - The phenomenon of globalization
  - Senior faculty members on personal benefits from international engagement
  - How to identify, pursue, and acquire major funding sources.
  - Campus resources available to researchers.
  - The experience of MSUs recognized international researchers.
  - ISP: what it is – how it works – how you can be involved
  - Area Study Centers – how they work and how to work with them
  - Major ongoing campus initiatives, including experiences with major funders
  - Stakeholder discussion – who is globally active, who works where, whom do we engage
  - Major funder relationships – USAID/NSF/NIH/USDA/ Gates/ Mastercard/DOD/DOT/DOE
  - Relationships with development firms
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Application and Selection Process

- The application process will begin with a public announcement including an invitation to apply.
- Applicants will be asked to submit the following materials:
  - A current curriculum vitae
  - A cover page with signatures of support from the College Dean and Department Chair
  - A two-page maximum, single spaced statement from the nominee that describes:
    - Her/his reasons for applying
    - Her/his global research interests
  - A letter expressing strong support from an academic supervisor

Expectations over the course of Fellows Year

- Regular meetings with faculty mentor
- Participation in on-campus meetings and off-campus retreats
- Attendance at the Global Fellows Recognition and Welcome Reception and Dinner at the beginning and the end of the Fellow year.
- Annual trip to Washington DC funding agencies.
- International trip to collaborating research institutions and partners.
- Presentation of project posters on completion of fellow year at the Recognition Dinner.
- A well-defined major international research project ready for submission.