



# Center for Global Connections in Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Provost and the Dean of ISP have made available funds to develop international strategic partnerships with particular universities and institutions of higher education and research abroad, focused on themes in which a critical mass of MSU faculty are engaged.

These partnerships will generally involve multiple departments and/or colleges at MSU. Collaborations that link Arts and Letters or Social Science faculty to the STEM and health disciplines are especially encouraged.

These partnerships may involve collaborative research, regular exchange of faculty and students, co-developed distance learning courses, co-sponsored dual degree or sandwich programs, and other forms of cooperation that builds the institutional partnership.

The Center for Global Connections (CGC) will award grants to individuals or teams of faculty interested in collaborating to establish strategic initiatives in one of the following thematic focus areas:

- Urban and Regional Planning
- Renewable Bioenergy Systems
- Packaging Innovation and Sustainability
- Food, Water, & Climate

Strategic Partnership funds will provide partial support of travel and other costs to develop strategic partnerships, both for MSU faculty and their partners coming from abroad. Faculty applicants' college and department/unit will be expected to contribute to the costs of this travel to ensure that colleges and departments share the commitment to long-term partnering.

If the proposal is awarded, the grantee is required to submit to CGC a partnership impact plan. This report needs to outline plans for long-term collaboration and new ideas that emerged during the interaction. CGC will check in with the awardee in an appropriate period of time seeking an update on the partnership and what research, funding, or student opportunities have occurred as a result of the proposed engagement.

Proposals should not **exceed five pages** and must include:

1. A narrative stating:

- What activities are proposed for this trip?
- What outcomes are expected from these activities and this trip?
- What are the long-term goals of this partnership and who will be involved?
- How has this institution been chosen as a strategic MSU partner abroad?
- What MSU faculty are involved in the project and from which disciplines?
- With which department and/or college at the host university will you collaborate?
- If project participants previously have engaged in collaborative work with colleagues there, what was the nature and duration of that collaboration?

2. A written endorsement from the applicant's dean or department chairperson committing to a minimum of 20 percent matching funds.

3. A proposed budget

**Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis but must show all funds expended and travel completed by June 1, 2015.** Proposals should be submitted to the Director of the CGC for review by the Center's Directorate. Successful applicants will be required to submit a partnership impact plan on program activities and outcomes upon completion of the program.