**Call for Proposals**

**Graduate Student International Research Grants**

**Spring 2024**

The ACES Office of International Programs (OIP) and ACES Education Abroad are jointly soliciting proposals for funding international activities undertaken by **Graduate Students** **in the College of ACES**.

Applicants may request funds of up to $4,000 per proposal to support international research opportunities.  To be eligible, applicants must be graduate students in a program that requires a thesis housed in the College of ACES.

**The deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024, at 5 p.m.**

We wish to fund international activities that contribute to dissertation research, thesis research, or some other significant research project**.**Applications should emphasize the nature of the international activity that goes beyond attending international conferences or participating in international travel groups.

**Activities should include international travel.**

A list of previous recipients of the ACES International Graduate Grants and their research topics can be found here: [Past International Graduate Grant Recipients | College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences | UIUC (illinois.edu)](https://aces.illinois.edu/about/international-programs/resources/students/past-international-graduate-grant-recipients)

**Applications:**

The application packet should include the following: **1)** a completed ‘Grant Application Form’; **2)** a project description of no more than 3 pages including budget and timeline (12 point font; single-spaced). These documents should be combined into a single PDF document and emailed by the deadline to the Office of International Programs at [aces-oip@illinois.edu](mailto:sces-oip@illinois.edu).

**Letter of support:**

An application also requires a letter of support from the applicant's advisor that affirms the significance of this activity and the need for OIP funds. Applicants should request that the advisor discuss both the importance of the proposed activities and any experiences or attributes of the applicant that are relevant to the proposal. The letter of support should be sent directly to the Office of International Programs at [aces-oip@illinois.edu](mailto:aces-oip@illinois.edu).

**Criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated based on (1) Clarity and quality of motivation, method, and expected outcomes; (2) Importance of the travel for successful completion of project; (3) Feasibility of the project, and (4) Strength of advisor’s endorsement and academic record. Other considerations in allocation of funds may include efforts to support a portfolio of activities that reflects the thematic and disciplinary breadth of the College of ACES.

**All application materials must be received by the** **deadline of 5 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024.**

Questions about this call should be sent to [aces-oip@illinois.edu](mailto:aces-oip@illinois.edu).

| APPLICATION FORM  FOR GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS 2023 COLLEGE OF ACES, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS | | |
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| APPLICANT INFORMATION | | |
| Name: | | |
| E-mail Address: | | |
| Department/Unit: | | |
| Graduate Program (MS, PhD, Other): | | |
| Date of entry into program: | | Graduate GPA: |
| Advisor: | | |
| proposal Information | | |
| Title of proposal: | | |
| Country of travel: | | |
| Travel dates: | | |
| Name, title, and institutional affiliation of international contact/collaborator (if applicable): | | |
| Total cost of project: | Total amount of this request: | |
| Other committed funds for this activity:  Source of other funds: | | |
| Other pending funds for this activity:  Source of pending funds: | | |

On a separate sheet, please provide a **project description** addressing the following (maximum of 3 additional pages):

1. Overall goal of project and specific research questions
2. Description of the methods used and rationale for international activities
3. Proposed activities and timeline (activities should be completed in 12 months)
4. Budget justification, including reasons for seeking OIP funding rather than other sources

**PLEASE COMBINE THIS ONE PAGE APPLICATION FORM AND UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL PAGES OF YOUR PROJECT DESCRIPTION INTO A SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT and submit to** [**aces-oip@illinois.edu**](mailto:aces-oip@illinois.edu)**. Also, please request that your advisor send the letter of support directly to** [**aces-oip@illinois.edu**](mailto:aces-oip@illinois.edu) **by April 1, 2024.**