**Signature Global Program Grants**

**Overview:** A Signature Global Program is any departmental, center, or unit activity that is global in nature and demonstrates the college’s commitment to global engagement. Projects rely on individual efforts, but require unit input and support. Signature Global Programs are exemplars of institutionalized internationalization and global commitments in CEHD. They demonstrate unit strengths through globally-focused, mission-driven activities.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this grants program is to support creation of an institutional culture of global engagement in CEHD. By focusing on units as actors in this process, we seek to institutionalize our global focus, creating opportunities for units to integrate chosen activities into their core functions. Such unit-integrated activities may have higher potential for sustainability than those that depend on single actors.

**Examples of Unit Signature Programs**

Signature Global Programs include, but are not limited to:

* Study abroad programs
* Research abroad opportunities for students
* International engagement activities
* “Glocal” programs (those that are locally based with global components)
* Academic curricula with global content
* Academic programs or courses designed to attract global audiences
* Dual or collaborative degree programs with international partners
* Visiting scholar activities or programs
* Activities that leverage the intersect of international and diversity agendas
* Global social justice-oriented programs
* Any activity previously sponsored by CEHD’s Internationalization Triangles program.

**Grants Program:** Beginning in February 2015, up to three units will be supported in the development of their signature program for one year. Supports include:

* Four meetings with Office of Global Initiatives (http://www.cehd.umn.edu/international/about.html) staff members with the intent of connecting relevant program needs to university-wide or external resources.
* Up to $7,500 in unit support for travel, external consultant fees, part-time employment wages, course buyouts, or other relevant program needs.
* Other supports on an as-needed basis.

**Application Procedure:**

* Interested departments, centers, or units should submit a 1000-word proposal by February 2, 2015 including:
	+ Overview of program
	+ Aims for launch of “Signature Program” in 2016 or sooner
	+ Contribution of program to broader global efforts in CEHD (see http://www.cehd.umn.edu/international/default.html)
	+ Budget
	+ Letter of support from Department Chair, Center Director, or Unit Director[[1]](#footnote-1)
	+ CVs from three key implementers (student participation is encouraged)
	+ Applications due to cehdintl@umn.edu by 11:59pm on February 2, 2015.

**Additional Information**

* Units may submit more than one application for different programs.
* Units funded in 2015 may not be re-funded in 2016.
* Please direct all questions to Chris Johnstone (johnstone@umn.edu).
1. Centers within academic Departments require signature of a Chair. Collegiate Centers require Center Director letter. Units (e.g., Student Services, etc.) require Director’s letter. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)