

## **General Principles and Timeline for Application**

### **Statement of Purpose of Global Scholars International Travel Program**

The purpose of the Global Scholars International Travel Program is to enable 3-5 interdisciplinary faculty members from Texas Wesleyan University the opportunity for international travel annually.

### **Goals of Global Scholars International Travel Program**

- To provide the faculty of Texas Wesleyan an international travel experience that will enhance their professional life experience and ultimately benefit the University.
- To appreciate the intrinsic connection between academic and experiential learning
- To foster a connection and sense of community between the traveling group resulting in a positive impact on their professional relationships.
- To share experiential knowledge with Texas Wesleyan faculty, students and the surrounding community.
- To foster faculty development.

### **Global Scholars Committee**

The purpose of the Global Scholars Committee is to establish goals and guidelines for the Global Scholars International Travel Program, criteria for applications, process applications, evaluate applications, award applicants and assess outcomes.

### **Eligible Participants**

Applicants will submit their applications based on the anticipated educational possibilities the travel experience will provide. The Global Scholars Committee will choose a final group based on the quality of the applications.

- a. Only faculty with full-time appointments and who have been at Texas Wesleyan University at least two years may apply.
- b. The Global Scholars International Travel Group will be interdisciplinary in nature.
- c. A travel experience under this Program should not be done in connection with sabbaticals or other grants.
- d. Global Scholars should not engage in any form of teaching (distance learning courses, etc.) during the time of travel.
- e. Faculties who have not previously participated in this Program will be given first consideration. However, all qualified faculty are encouraged to apply annually.
- f. Successful applicants are required to sign a contract for the following year.
- g. Due to the goals and nature of the trip, spouses, partners, and children are not allowed.
- h. Academic couples will be treated individually and chosen based on their eligibility and merit of their application.

If there is a question about eligibility, prospective applicants are encouraged to seek clarification from the Global Scholars Committee. The Global Scholars Committee will make the final decision about eligibility.

### **Required Approvals**

Applications for Global Scholars International Travel Program require the dean's and departmental chair's signatures. These signatures certify that -

- a. The applicant meets the requirements for the program.
- b. The applicant's goals merit support.
- c. Acceptance of the award will not impair the instructional activities of the department
- d. The proposal is consonant with the University's strategic plan.
- e. The application follows the requested format.

### **Merit Considerations.**

All *Global Scholars International Travel Program* applications are competitive, with recipients chosen on the basis of the quality of their stated goals and likelihood of successful completion. Purely mechanical considerations such as faculty rank, length of service, and number of publications will not be used to define merit. When merit considerations yield more potential recipients for an award than is feasible, the degree to which the project furthers the strategic plan of the University (e.g., increasing interdisciplinary interaction) and considerations to distribute awards across colleges, departments, and programs will be primary in determining the final selection of candidates.

### **General Criteria for Evaluating Faculty Applications**

An ad hoc committee, appointed by the Provost, evaluates applications for Global Scholars International Travel Program awards. In every case, the evaluation focuses on the quality and potential of the application and on the past productivity and achievements of the applicant, taking into account both years of previous academic experience and practices characterizing the applicant's field of study. Proposals will be evaluated against the criteria listed below. Therefore, faculty are encouraged to consider these criteria when developing proposals and preparing applications for developmental activities.

1. Scholarly, artistic, or technical merit of the activities proposed.
  - Clarity and completeness of the proposal, references to relevant scholarship.
  - Potential for contributing to the faculty member's professional development.
  - Potential for disseminating and/or applying anticipated achievements through publications, presentations, and development of curricular and instructional activities.
  - Likelihood the experience will contribute to the quality of the University and to the implementation of departmental, college, and University strategic plans.
2. Scholarly, artistic, or technical productivity of the applicant.
  - Quality of professional products, in relation to field and years of academic service.
  - Consistency of professional productivity, in relation to years of academic service.
  - Quality and quantity of work supported by previous developmental awards.
3. Other academic achievements and contributions.
  - Curriculum Vita (required with application)
4. Since one of the objectives of this initiative is to offer an international experience to all eligible faculty who desire to take advantage of it, previous international travel experience will be taken into consideration when all other considerations are equal.

### **Timeline for application**

October 16	Application due to chair of Global Scholars Committee
October 25	Announcement of Global Scholars Travel Group
November 3	Travel Groups first meeting with Global Scholars Committee
December 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of New Global Scholars Group
Between Spring and Summer 1	Recommended travel period
By September 30	Travel Group schedules a Mitchell Lecture-style public presentation and submits final report to the Global Scholars Committee, Provost and President