

Pre-proposals due December 3, 2010

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE RESEARCH CIRCLES**

The International Institute, with generous support from the Division of International Studies and Global Studies, is pleased to announce the 2010-11 competition for Research Circles in International Studies. UW–Madison faculty from across campus are invited to submit proposals, which should be submitted by two or more faculty and explore a research theme that is both international and interdisciplinary.

Research Circles bring together scholars from multiple disciplines working on broad thematic issues of contemporary or historical concern with special emphasis on topics that encourage trans-area studies and collaboration among multiple International Institute member programs. Research Circles may take various forms and include a combination of activities, including: lectures, workshops, conferences, graduate seminars, research publications, film series, or visiting scholars. Proposals indicating potential for future extramural grants will be given priority.

Research Circles will be funded for three years. The maximum total grant per proposal will be \$64,000 with an approximate division of up to \$16,000 in the first year, up to \$32,000 in the second year, and up to \$16,000 in the third year. Global Studies will serve as the administrator of the Research Circles unless a special request is made otherwise. Please note that Research Circle funding is not intended to provide institutional support for existing or proposed centers.

A two-part application process will take place. Interested faculty should send in ***pre-proposals by December 3, 2010***. Decisions on this phase of the competition will be announced by January 15, 2011. Applicants selected by the committee to continue will be invited to submit ***full length proposals by February 25, 2011***. Successful proposals will begin activities after July 1, 2011. Annual activities must be completed by June 1 of each year of the award.

For information of current and past Research Circles please visit: www.internationalinstitute.wisc.edu/Research
For information of additional funding opportunities please visit: www.internationalinstitute.wisc.edu/Funding
Please note that faculty can apply as the leader or co-leader of only one Research Circle. They may, however, apply for International Institute Seminar Series funding as well.

What should be included in the pre-proposal?

Please include the following information in no more than 1200 words:

- a cover sheet with the name of the faculty leader and co-leader, departmental affiliation, contact information, project title, and International Institute program affiliations
- names and qualifications of the faculty leaders
- theme to be explored and its significance
- possible project activities and expected outcomes in terms of publications, courses, external grants, etc.
- names of participants on campus and names of partners at other institutions in the U.S. and overseas
- information on other possible sources of funding, intramural and extramural
- indication that support for the Research Circle was received from at least two sponsoring International Institute programs

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What should be included in the full proposal?

Those selected to submit a full proposal should expand the pre-proposal requirements and include a full budget (please see financial guidelines: www.intl-institute.wisc.edu/funding/guidelines.pdf) in no more than 3000 words. The full budget should outline the general Research Circle timeline:

- Year 1: Preparation: build goals, develop strategy and create group identity
- Year 2: Performance: events, lectures, conferences, etc.
- Year 3: Follow-up: grant proposal and publication support

How will proposals be evaluated and selected?

A four-member faculty review committee, nominated by the International Institute Advisory Committee and approved by the International Institute Academic Planning Council, will review and recommend to the director the most promising proposals. Please note that faculty serving in leadership roles in Research Circles may not serve on the faculty review committee. In evaluating pre-proposals and final submissions, the committee will consider such factors as:

- the importance, originality and expected outcome of the project
- the interdisciplinary makeup of the initiative leaders and efforts to cross disciplinary boundaries
- the international breadth of the project and the ability to engage multiple International Institute member programs
- the extent to which the project has the potential to attract extramural support
- the extent to which the project will support or enhance graduate student training
- the potential to link UW faculty and students to counterparts elsewhere, particularly overseas
- the coherence of the proposed activities and the overall academic excellence of the proposal

Where should the proposal be submitted?

Please submit pre-proposals electronically to Associate Dean Guido Podesta's Project Assistant at academicspa@international.wisc.edu no later than **4pm on December 3, 2010**. Full length proposals are due by **4pm on February 25, 2011**. Questions about Research Circles and other International Institute funding opportunities can be sent to: academicspa@international.wisc.edu.

