School of Global and International Studies Summer Research Institute, 2015 or 2016

The SGIS Summer Research Institute offers IU Bloomington faculty the opportunity to bring two to three practitioners from diverse disciplines and fields (artists, humanists, politicians, policy experts, activists, social scientists) to campus to think rigorously and creatively about a question or topic that binds, fragments, and/or frames current conceptions of the global and the international. The guiding questions and issues will be those that are intellectually and practically furthered by a scholarly conversation that is intentionally interdisciplinary. They may revolve around a particular political entity, an aesthetic concept, a specific natural resource, a global phenomenon, or an intellectual challenge for international and global studies.

Funding available: $50,000

We seek proposals from IU Bloomington faculty for each summer research institute’s guiding question. Each proposal should include a description of the following:

- A 500 word description of the question, which explains how the scholarship and thinking on the issue would be furthered through interdisciplinary and transnational/comparative dialogue
- A tentative plan for the institute: 8-10 work days of activities
  At least one public scholarly/performance event
- Reading groups, workshops, and discussions across participants
- Involvement at all stages of graduate students
- Expected outcomes
- A brief budget (detailed budgets will be required of finalists); we encourage all applicants to consider partnering with other units who can offer travel funds to bring faculty and students to campus. For instance, securing funding from an institutional exchange partner such as Australian National University for sending one faculty and/or graduate student to the workshop represents an excellent use of potential financial resources on campus. Applying for other resources on campus to host research events is also an excellent way to enhance participation and activities. We would want to see both funds that have been secured already, as well as a list of funds the applicants have applied for and are waiting to hear about.
- A list of guest practitioners/scholars to be invited (2-3 suggested names, with bios and 2-3 page CVs attached)
- A list, bios, and CVs of at least two IU Bloomington faculty conveners
- A list of other IU faculty involved (7-10), who can be from other campuses
- A list of potential graduate students to be involved

Local conveners are responsible for the organization of the event and will receive a stipend for their participation. As part of their commitment, co-conveners will be expected to produce and disseminate a document that summarizes the institute’s discussions and findings and specifically outlines avenues for future research.
Interested IU Bloomington faculty should submit a proposal to the office of the Associate Dean for International Programs by **September 30, 2014** at bjferrand@indiana.edu, subject line: SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2015 or 2016. We will consider projects that are scheduled for either summer 2015 or summer 2016.

Criteria for evaluation:

Each application will be evaluated according to these six criteria and will receive 0-5 points (using only integers) for each category, for a total of 0-30 points. A proposal would need to rank an average of at least 20 overall to be considered any further. Members of the evaluation committee will be encouraged to offer detailed comments for any proposal that meets these basic requirements, especially in areas where the applicants score less than 3. Proposals that have an average score of 20 or less will not receive detailed feedback from the committee.

(1) intellectual originality/creativity

(2) scholarly potential--outcomes

(3) interdisciplinarity and broad use of faculty expertise in the School of Global and International Studies, the College and outside

(4) use of transnational/comparative framework

(5) integration of graduate students in the project

(6) efficient use of financial resources