Global Opportunity Grants
for Locally Integrative Academic Events at NYU’s Global Sites

Call for Proposals

The Office of Global Programs seeks to award Global Opportunity Grants from $5,000 to $25,000 to support the development and hosting of locally integrative scholarly and creative events (e.g., conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions) at any of the University’s 12 global sites. In exceptional cases and where funding permits, grant amounts may be larger than $25,000. Proposals that reflect supplementary funding from additional sources will be considered favorably. This call for proposals is for events that will take place between June 1, 2023, and July 31, 2024.

Proposals must be submitted by a lead applicant who is an NYU full-time contract, tenured, or tenure-track faculty member from the New York, Abu Dhabi, or Shanghai campus or is the director of one of the 12 global sites. Co-applicants are not required but may include other NYU faculty members, including part-time faculty at any of NYU’s campuses and/or lecturers at any of NYU’s global sites.

Proposals will be accepted in two stages (see below). Initial letters of interest are due June 15, 2022.

Program aims and selection criteria

Successful proposals will support all three primary aims of this program:

- Advancing the research, scholarship, and creative work of NYU faculty in a global context;
- Strengthening ties between NYU’s degree-granting campuses and global sites by fostering research and collaboration opportunities in and around our global site cities/regions and by diversifying the pool of faculty members who engage with the global sites; and
- Enriching the academic and intellectual life of NYU’s global sites, including through the development and expansion of enduring relationships with local scholars and practitioners.

Consistent with these program aims, proposals will be reviewed against several criteria. A successful proposal need not meet every criterion, but the strongest proposed events will:

- Advance research, scholarship, and/or creative work in one or more fields, with an emphasis on global contexts and issues;
- Involve a diverse selection of NYU faculty from multiple departments, schools, and/or campuses, with an emphasis on the cultivation of new connections across organizational boundaries;
- Engage outstanding scholars and practitioners living and working in the city or region of the global site where the event will take place, as well as other local community members;
- Engage NYU lecturers teaching at the global site;
- Draw upon and further develop the global site’s distinctive strengths;
- Provide opportunities for NYU students to take part in the event, including students who are studying away at the site and, where appropriate, graduate students;
- Generate materials that can be shared with broader scholarly communities and audiences (e.g., recordings, papers, edited volumes, exhibitions); and
- Use NYU resources efficiently.

1 The 12 global sites are NYU Accra; NYU Berlin; NYU Buenos Aires; NYU Florence; NYU London; NYU Los Angeles; NYU Madrid; NYU Paris; NYU Prague; NYU Sydney; NYU Tel Aviv; and NYU Washington, DC. Information about each site is available online here.
Proposal and review process

By June 15, 2022, prospective applicants should email a brief (2-3pp.) letter of interest to global.grants@nyu.edu. The letter of interest should outline the proposed event, including proposed dates and scale, and discuss how it will support program aims and meet selection criteria.

A selection committee composed of faculty leadership in the Office of Global Programs will quickly review all letters of interest submitted, follow up with any initial questions or clarifications, and invite a select number of applicants to develop and submit a full proposal. Upon invitation, full proposals will be due by October 1, 2022.

Full proposals should include a more extensive Event Narrative; an estimated Event Budget, including any other funding sources anticipated; and a high-level Execution Plan, developed in close collaboration with appropriate site director(s) and their teams. Guidance and templates for these proposal elements can be found here.

Planning for the administrative and operational aspects of the proposed event, along with associated staffing and other resource requirements, is a key part of the review process. Prior to submission of full proposals, applicants are encouraged to engage with staff in their home academic unit(s) to identify what support these units may be able to provide in planning and executing the event. Global site staff can also provide local support, subject to availability and local employment laws; this may require some allocation of resources in the event budget. Site directors can advise on all of these matters and should be consulted early in the proposal process.

Prospective applicants may not know which of the 12 global sites would be best suited to support an event or may need an introduction to a site director to discuss an idea. In either case, please reach out to Professor Eliot Borenstein, Senior Academic Convenor for the Global Network (eb7@nyu.edu).

Additional considerations

Special consideration will be given to proposals for new events and to faculty members and academic units that have not previously received event funding from the Office of Global Programs.

Funding for global events may also be available from sources such as the Provost’s Global Research Initiatives (GRI) program; schools and departments; NYU research centers; and external entities. Please reference any pending or planned applications to other funding sources in your proposal.

The selection committee reserves the right to defer proposals to a subsequent funding cycle.

Grant recipients will be required to submit post-event documentation, including a report detailing how funds were spent, supporting receipts, and an evaluation of the event and its contribution to program aims. Recipients may also be requested to participate in overall program evaluation activities.

Questions

If you have any questions about the Global Opportunity Grants program, please feel free to contact Professor Eliot Borenstein, Senior Academic Convenor for the Global Network (eb7@nyu.edu) and/or Peter Holm, Assistant Vice President for Global Planning and Research (pmh8@nyu.edu).