

Professors Around the World (PAW)

CSULB Global Faculty Incentive Grants Program

We are happy to announce that the Professors Around the World (PAW) – a CSULB global faculty incentive grants program will be back for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Proposals for the next academic year are due by March 31, 2023. Please submit your proposal electronically to Servando Burciaga (Servando.Burciaga@csulb.edu). Award decisions will be made by late-April 2023.

Program Description and Purpose

The PAW program is offered by the Office of the Provost in conjunction with the Office of the International Education and Global Engagement. The goal of PAW is to strengthen CSULB's global mission and comprehensive campus internationalization initiatives by engaging and supporting faculty travel related to international collaborative research projects, developing or enhancing study or work abroad opportunities for students, and building or strengthening relationships with overseas partner institutions. Strong preference will be given to projects that are sustainable as opposed to one-off activities.

Funding

The PAW program is funded jointly by the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement. Grant awards from \$500 and up to \$2,500 are available on a competitive basis. New initiatives are strongly preferred over continuing activities.

Project activities including international travel within this grant cycle should commence starting from July 1, 2023 and completed by June 30, 2024.

Eligibility

All tenured, tenure-track and full-time faculty (unit 3) are eligible to apply for Professors Around the World travel grants. Previous PAW recipients are eligible to reapply if they have completed the obligations of their grant, including submission of a final report. Preference is given to first-time applicants, therefore, previous recipients must demonstrate clearly the benefits of further funding support.

Application Process

Applications for faculty travel to all parts of the world will be considered. Faculty receiving support for travel to countries on either the State Department's travel warning list, and/or countries in the Chancellor's Office high-hazard list, will need additional approvals and must follow established CSU travel policy guidelines.

Applications must be approved by the appropriate department chair and dean. Completed applications should be submitted for approval to the office of the Associate Vice President for International Education and Global Engagement. Please send submissions to Servando Burciaga (Servando.Burciaga@csulb.edu)

Applications shall not exceed **five (5) pages in total** and must include the following:

1. Completed cover sheet with approvals from appropriate department chair and dean.
2. Statement of the proposed activity outlining the goals and objectives of the project.
3. Narrative of how the project helps meet CSULB's strategic goals for internationalization, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Increasing participation in study abroad (e.g., by mapping major curricula with existing partners or establishing new short-term programs)
 - b. Deepening existing international institutional partnerships
 - c. Forging new institutional partnerships, particularly where disciplinary and geographic gaps exist
 - d. Designing joint workshops or research collaborations with overseas partners
 - e. Creating online collaborations that connect CSULB students with peers abroad— Collaborative Online International Learning (C.O.I.L.)
4. Information about the visiting overseas institution and/or individual collaborators (if applicable).
5. Travel budget specifying itemized costs such as airfare, lodging, meals etc. and other sources of support. Maximum amount awarded through this program will be \$2,500. Additional need should be met through other funding sources.

Further information including the application cover sheet is available at <https://www.cpie.csulb.edu/international/faculty-and-scholars#/funding-opportunities/professors-around-the-world>

Review Process

A Peer Committee formed from members of the International Education Committee will review and recommend applications for funding. The evaluation rubric consists of four criteria:

Criterion 1 (30 pts): Impact on CSULB global engagement strategy. Among the strategic goals are to increase study abroad participation, strengthen CSULB's network of international partners, introduce international elements into the curriculum, add new partners that address geographic or disciplinary gaps, and forge research collaborations. To what extent will the proposed activity be beneficial not only to the individual applicant but to the institution? New initiatives are strongly preferred over continuing activities. Activities linked to the CSULB strategic priorities and goals should score high in this category.

Criterion 2 (30 pts): Impact on CSULB student learning and success. How will the proposed activity contribute to student engagement in international activities? How many students will benefit from the outcomes of the proposed activity? To what extent is the activity focused on global student learning outcomes?

Criterion 3 (30 pts): Sustainability of the project. Priority should be given to activities that are not merely one-off, but that are likely to lead to further international collaboration and activity. To what extent is the proposed activity likely to result in continuous efforts related global priorities? Examples of this can be institutional relationships that might result in faculty-led programs or exchange agreements; research collaborations that will lead to future co-authoring or presenting of research with international colleagues; or plans to develop courses that will connect classrooms with international partners via technology (COIL).

Criterion 4 (10 pts): Cost-effectiveness. Each applicant has provided a budget indicating how the grant funds will be used. Grant awards from \$500 to \$2500 will be given. Evaluators should judge the cost/benefit of the grant funding. To what extent is the PAW grant essential to completing the work proposed? Applicants combining this funding with other sources to increase the overall impact of their activity will score higher in this category.

Final Report and Presentations

Award recipients will be required to submit a final project report, not to exceed **two (2) pages**. The report should be submitted within two (2) months of the completion of the travel. The reports from all funded projects will be kept in archives for future use and follow-up and will be available through the Center for International Education web site.

Additionally, all award recipients are expected to participate in periodic “PAW Seminars” jointly organized by the Center for International Education and the International Education Committee following the completion of their award trip. A brief presentation of the project will be expected and will be open to the entire campus community.