

**CENTER FOR GENDER IN GLOBAL CONTEXT**  
**Strategic Partnership Funding Available**  
**through the ISP International Centers 2018-19**

**Guidelines**

The Provost and the Dean of ISP have made available funds to develop long-term international strategic partnerships with universities and institutions of higher education and research abroad. GenCen is awarding strategic partnerships grants in these priority areas:

1. Gender, Justice & Environmental Change (gender and agriculture/environment)
2. Gender-Based Violence
3. LGBTQ scholarship and outreach
4. Intersectionality and Diversity
5. Gender and Inter-disciplinarity

These partnerships should involve more than one department and/or college at MSU. Collaborations that link Arts and Letters or Social Science faculty to the international themes are encouraged.

**Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded; however, GenCen would like to receive all applications prior to Dec 15, 2018 for fund allocation during this fiscal year (to be used by June 30, 2019). Please follow the guidelines below.**

**PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES:** The partnerships should center on collaborative research, including research proposal development and preliminary research activities that build capacity at partnering institutions around the GenCen-identified areas mentioned above. They should ultimately lead to potential long-term research and other collaborations between MSU and the partner institution. Funding may be granted for continued support to develop these partnerships depending on the outcomes of the initial grant.

**PARTNERSHIP FUNDING:** Strategic Partnership funds will provide partial support of travel costs, both for MSU faculty and for their partners coming from abroad. The applicant faculty members' colleges and/or departments will be expected to contribute to the costs of this travel to ensure that the commitment to long-term partnering is shared by these units. A 20% match by a department or college is required. Strategic Partnership funding is not intended to support the travel of Center or Office Directors. These travel awards should ultimately result in the development and submission of a collaborative research proposal (including MSU and partner institution faculty) for external funding.

**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS:** Proposals should not exceed 3 pages and should include:

**1) Narrative which addresses specifically:**

- What research activities are being proposed for this trip?
- What are specific external funding opportunities that could support the proposed research in the future?

And more generally:

- What institutions are involved?
- With which department and/or college at the host university/universities will you collaborate?
- How were these institutions selected as strategic partners?
- What MSU faculty are involved and from which colleges/departments?
- What is the history of partnership between MSU and the institutions involved? If project participants previously have engaged in collaborative work with colleagues at the selected institution, what was the nature and duration of that collaboration?
- If the participants are seeking continued Strategic Partnership funding, how will the proposed activities build on the previously funded ones and result ultimately in research proposals and publications?
- What is the proposed research topic or issue?
- How does this topic align with MSU/ISP/GenCen-identified themes, regions and relationships?

**2)** Written endorsement from the applicants' deans or department chairpersons committing to a minimum of 20% matching funds.

**3)** Proposed budget.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:** The long-term criteria that will be used to evaluate the use of these funds will include the number and quality of:

- Collaborative research grant applications submitted and awarded
- Collaborative research publications completed
- Continued productive collaboration with partner institution around research of mutual interest

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