

## **Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology (ELRT) Global Engagement in Higher Education Fund**

### **What is it?**

The Global Engagement in Higher Education Fund was developed by Drs. Donna Talbot, Ramona Lewis and Andrea Beach for the support of graduate students in the department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology who demonstrate a commitment to global engagement in higher education. This scholarship recognizes the increasing need for graduates who are globally engaged and culturally aware.

### **Award Funding and Timelines**

Awards are available to ELRT students on a rolling basis and will be based on available funds. Students should submit applications for funding **no later** than the following dates, depending on the timing of their global engagement opportunity: **November 15 (for Spring semester); March 15 (for Summer semester); and April 15 (for Fall programs)**. All applications will be reviewed by the ELRT Scholarship Committee and this group will recommend applications to be funded.

### **Who is Eligible?**

1. Masters or Doctoral students in ELRT who have a demonstrated commitment to global engagement in higher education.
2. Preference will be given to students in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) M.A. degree program or Higher Education Leadership doctoral degree students.
3. Applicants should demonstrate an interest and involvement in activities related to global engagement in higher education, including but not limited to: study abroad courses, data collection in international settings (not for dissertation research on or in home country of origin) that will expand the student's and U.S. community's knowledge of global issues, or collaboration opportunities abroad. Students with creative proposals not addressed by these criteria, yet broaden global engagement in higher education, are encouraged to discuss them with the Department Chair.
4. These funds are not intended to cover tuition for on-campus or online courses at WMU that are typically part of a student's degree plan.

### **How to Apply?**

Students should apply to the ELRT Department Scholarship fund using the application below (page 3).

**Guidelines**

1. Award may be used to help cover expenses related to international travel related to scholarly work, study abroad courses and seminars, or other unique opportunities designed specifically to expand the student's experience with global engagement, and potentially impact the WMU and broader community in a positive way regarding global awareness and initiatives.
2. Award is non-renewable.

## ELRT GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT FUND APPLICATION

Please submit the following information to the ELRT department – Gretchen St. John ([gretchen.stjohn@wmich.edu](mailto:gretchen.stjohn@wmich.edu)) by the deadlines listed above.

- 1) Name:
- 2) Email:
- 3) Address:
- 4) Phone number:
  
- 5) ELRT Program:
  
- 6) Level of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ master's    \_\_\_\_\_ doctoral    \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 7) Name and brief description of the proposed project/activity:
  
  
- 8) Write a brief 250-500 word essay describing how your activity supports the goals of this scholarship (as stated above) and, more specifically, “How and why your proposed global engagement activity will impact your frame of reference, the WMU community and/or the global higher education community.” What will you do when you complete your trip/activity/project to impact the higher education community?
  
  
- 9) Submit the name, email, and phone number of (1) WMU faculty or administrative sponsor who supports your proposed global engagement trip/activity/project. By submitting this information, you are giving the committee permission to contact this individual.
  
  
- 10) Approximate budget/cost for the trip/activity/project, as well as other sources of funding you will pursue to help fund your proposed global engagement activity (e.g., GA site support, parents, self, CEHD/WMU scholarships, etc.)?