Rome Global Gateway Faculty Research Award

Notre Dame Research (NDR) and Notre Dame International (NDI) are pleased to invite applications for a new Faculty Research Award at Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway (RGG). Submissions are encouraged from all Colleges, Schools, and fields of discipline.

Awards may be used during the year of 2016, beginning with the Spring Semester 2016.

Grants for any amount up to $50,000 USD of total funding for the period of up to one year are available through this program. Augmentation of the grants by the Colleges and Departments as appropriate to the discipline is allowed. Multiple grants may be awarded in one year. Awards will be made on a competitive basis for an initial three-year cycle.

Eligibility

Full-time regular members of the Notre Dame faculty, including tenured and tenure-track faculty, research faculty, library faculty, and special professional faculty, are eligible to apply.

Deadline

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 15th, 2015 11:59 p.m. EST. Awards will be announced by Tuesday, December 1st, 2015.

Selection Process and Program Priorities

RGG Research Awards will be made by the Vice President of Research, based on the recommendations of an interdisciplinary committee. Priority will be given according to the following principles:

- High intrinsic quality of the research project.
- Projects must include significant and relevant use of the facilities located in the Rome Global Gateway. Typically, this will include the presence of the researcher/s for a significant part of the award period in Rome.
- Projects should are intended to develop internationally significant individual faculty research projects and/or collaborations with Rome-based research academies,
universities, and research groups.

- Projects will typically exceed the capabilities of the Global Communication Initiative award offered by NDI.

**Allowable budget items**

Funding can be used in for a variety of purposes, according to the needs of a specific research project. Funds can be used, for example, for postdoctoral research appointments intended to seed international collaborations, for travel and living expenses of individual faculty researchers working on projects of international significance in Rome, for conference and meeting expenses, or in numerous other ways.

**Unallowable budget items**

The award cannot be used to replace academic-year salary or the funding of conference participation or invited lectures. The award is not intended to fund teaching projects in the RGG. However, projects with the participation of student researchers are encouraged.

**Proposal Submission**

Please submit your proposal of less than 1,500 words electronically to Hildegund Müller (hmuller@nd.edu) Associate Vice President for Research, with a subject header of “RGG Faculty Research Award.” Please add a detailed budget.

**The Rome Global Gateway**

The Rome Global Gateway is located in Via Ostilia—in the heart of the Eternal City—one block from the Colosseum. The newly renovated, 32,000 square-foot facility serves as a hub supporting the academic, educational, and cultural mission of the University by supporting a rich variety of education abroad and research opportunities for faculty and students. The Gateway fosters, develops, and maintains institutional relations with universities, educational foundations, and organizations in Italy, Europe, and the Mediterranean, as well as with the Holy See.

More specifically, the academic director of the RGG provides academic support to individual Notre Dame researchers and research groups seeking to further develop and/or establish research projects in Rome, in particular, by fostering relations between Notre Dame
researchers and academies, universities, and research groups based in the Eternal City. The RGG currently hosts various undergraduate programs, as well as postdoctoral research fellows working on special projects, and faculty from the School of Architecture and the College of Arts and Letters. There is a small reference library. There is Notre Dame Wi-Fi throughout the building and there are printers connected to the ND network. The staff members all speak English and can provide basic administrative and IT support. Fellows have access to the building seven days a week during its opening hours, 9 AM to midnight. There is no accommodation in the building but staff can assist fellows with finding a rental apartment. Fellows have access to and may reserve lecture and/or seminar rooms for academic events during their stay.

The RGG will provide Notre Dame infrastructural support to individual faculty and/or postdoctoral fellows while conducting research abroad, including office space, as well as help with finding housing and making research connections in the Eternal City. Individual faculty proposing to conduct individual research will normally be on leave or will have secured extramural funding and salary support. Sponsored researchers of whatever category will be expected to reside in Rome, to be active members in the RGG academic community, and to give a research lecture or seminar in the RGG during residence.

Questions

For further questions, please contact either:

- Hildegund Müller (hmuller@nd.edu), Associate Vice President for Research
- Theodore Cachey (tcachey@nd.edu), Director of the Rome Global Gateway

For more information, please see:

- international.nd.edu/global-gateways/rome/
- research.nd.edu
- international.nd.edu

Note: There are other types of funding available for the Rome Global Gateway, including short-term faculty fellowships. Please visit http://international.nd.edu/global-gateways/rome/academics/ for more details on these alternative sources of funding.