



GEORGETOWN ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE IMPACT PROGRAM

The Georgetown Environment Initiative (GEI) is asking faculty and staff across Georgetown's campuses – from business, foreign service, the humanities, law, medicine, public policy, the sciences, and the social sciences – to contribute Georgetown's scholarship to the Earth's stewardship. Through the GEI Impact Program, we welcome opportunities to seed new directions and new collaborations for environmental research, seminar series, educational programs, and outreach programs that show significant potential for attracting external financial support for their future expansion.

Georgetown Environment Initiative Objectives

RESEARCH

Accelerate and deepen interdisciplinary research on the environment by building networks that cultivate collaboration and by seeding exploration and experimentation

ACTION

Advance solutions that protect and improve the quality of life on earth by collaborating with NGOs, businesses, local communities, and governments

CAPACITY BUILDING

Build leadership in tomorrow's scientists, public servants, and business executives by deepening students' engagement

Proposal Requirements

We want a "snap shot" of your idea. Proposals may not exceed two (2) pages and must include the following information:

1. **Proposal title, proposal sponsor(s), key personnel, and partners**

Proposals may be sponsored and submitted by any Georgetown University faculty or staff member or by a team of Georgetown University faculty and/or staff members. In addition to providing the full contact information for each sponsor, the proposal should identify other key personnel and partners. External partners and Georgetown student organizations can be identified as co-sponsors. Collaborations – across academic disciplines or with external organizations – are particularly attractive for the GEI Impact Program.

2. **Description of the pilot project or activity** (limit to 500 words)

The proposal should clearly outline in non-technical terms the objectives of the proposed project or activity as well as provide specific measures of its success. The proposal also should clearly articulate how the proposed project or activity aligns with the objectives – and will contribute to the impact – of GEI. Please keep in mind that the GEI Impact Program is a seed grant program. Examples of projects and activities we seek to support include preliminary research that represents a new avenue of inquiry for the investigators as well as pilots of educational programs that have the potential – when developed through GEI support – to compete successfully for outside funding. We also seek to support the building of collaborations – across disciplines or across institutions – to launch joint research or training programs as well as student-driven projects with strong faculty participation and with significant potential to attract external support.

If your effort will engage students, the proposal should be specific as to their involvement. For instance, you may seek summer or academic year support for a talented undergraduate or graduate student who will work with you on a project consistent with the goals of the GEI Impact Program. If your effort will benefit from bringing to campus an academic or practitioner from another institution for an extended stay (weeks or months) as a GEI Fellow, the proposal should be specific as to how the visit would enable the pursuit of the proposed collaborative research or educational program.

3. **Description of how the pilot seeds the bigger endeavor** (limit to 300 words)

The proposal should include a preliminary plan to secure full funding for the larger project, indicating how the proposed pilot provides necessary proof of concept. In very specific terms, the proposal should outline how seed funding provided by GEI will lead to greater outside support through federal, foundation, and/or philanthropic support. The proposal also should outline how the pilot will have long-term impact on the Georgetown community. If one of the proposal sponsors has previously received GEI support, please briefly summarize the long-term impact of the project previously funded by GEI.

4. **Budget and timeline** (limit to 1 page)

The proposal should include a reasonably itemized description of the estimated costs of the pilot program or activity with some explanation. Indicate a tentative start date and outline the time frame of the proposed project. There is no limit on the amount that can be requested – request what the pilot needs to be successful if funded. Please note that we anticipate awarding a total of up to \$200,000 through the two cycles of the GEI Impact Program during the 2017-18 Academic Year. Feel free to outline the bigger endeavor, however, with its corresponding budget and then clearly specify the portion that is being requested from GEI that would help enable the larger endeavor. Current Georgetown faculty and staff salaries will not be supported as part of this funding program, though requests for student, post-doc, and other trainee project support are welcome.

In addition to the proposal as outlined above, each proposal sponsor should provide a **current CV** outlining his/her scholarly productivity, current research support, and/or other work relevant to the proposal. If you are seeking support for a student or other collaborator, please include all relevant CV's. Each CV may not exceed three (3) pages.

Submission and Review Process

We anticipate having two calls for proposals during the 2017-18 Academic Year: one in Fall 2017, and a second in Spring 2018.

The Fall 2017 proposal deadline is: **11:59 pm on Thursday, November 30, 2017.**

Please submit your proposals to Jennifer Eagleton via email to jennifer.eagleton@georgetown.edu. Each proposal should be submitted as a single PDF file containing both the proposal and the CVs. The single PDF file should be named in the following format: GEI-YourLastName-YourDepartment/Unit-Nov2017.pdf

The GEI Steering Committee will review the proposals and determine the final awards. The number of awards will vary depending on the quality of proposals as well as the sizes and types of awards being made in the 2017-18 Academic Year. Given the two-page limit of these proposals, GEI may request additional information from proposal sponsors during the review process.

Need Additional Information?

Please contact Jennifer Eagleton, Director of Interdisciplinary Initiatives, with questions.

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