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**Duke India Initiative: Call for Proposals (internal funding, for Duke faculty members only)**

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The newly established Duke India Initiative (DII) is opening a call for applications to fund projects and activities in support of its mission during the 2017-2018 academic year. The mission of the DII (<https://igs.duke.edu/units/duke-india-initiative>) is to promote and intensify collaborations within Duke and amongst Duke and partners across India. The DII will foster multidisciplinary, multi-cultural research, educational and entrepreneurial activities related to India.

In particular, projects that support the following DII objectives are encouraged:

1. Building and fostering multidisciplinary collaboration across Duke's campus on both research and educational activities related to India
2. Integrating teaching and on-site research to address India-specific issues
3. Increasing the visibility of studies related to India across campus
4. Stimulating dialogue and dissemination of research related to India
5. Developing long term research and educational links with Indian partners
6. Fostering entrepreneurship between Duke students and alumni, staff and faculty and Indian business partners

A broad range of activities will be considered. They include but are not limited to research, education and entrepreneurship, seed funding to establish networks of collaborators, invited speaker series or workshops and conferences (open to all members of the Duke community). We envision that activities will generate synergies among faculty, researchers and students with interests in India at Duke. Funding is not limited to projects that take place on Duke's campus, however for projects that have a significant effort in India, a demonstrated impact at Duke is recommended and should be clearly stated in the proposal.

Applications must be submitted by a Duke faculty member; all Duke faculty are eligible to apply.

We anticipate making awards in the **\$2,000-20,000 range**, with awards commensurate with the activities proposed.

**Deadline: 5 pm on September 29, 2017**

Funding available: December 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018

Applications should include the following (item 2 should be a maximum of 3 pages, 11 point font, single line spacing and with 1" margin):

1. Title page with project title, names and contact information of key participants, abstract (less than 200 words) and amount of funding requested
2. A description of the proposed activities
  - 2.1. Brief background and rationale for the project
  - 2.2. Objectives
  - 2.3. Proposed activities or research plan with as much details as space allows

- 2.4. Timeline, milestones
- 2.5. Specific outcomes, potential next steps, future funding (if applies)
- 2.6. Benefit to DII (how the project contributes to advancing DII's mission)
- 3. Bibliography/References (if applicable) (1 page maximum)
- 4. Itemized budget with brief justification (1 page maximum). Note that faculty salary is not allowed, travel expenses are allowed but excludes business class airfares. Only direct costs are allowed.
- 5. Overlapping activities (one half-page maximum): include a statement indicating whether or not a similar activity is already funded or pending funding (include source, title and amount). If additional funding is necessary for this project, indicate source of funding and amount.
- 6. One-page CV for the PI and each of the key participants.
- 7. For proposals that include Indian collaborators, please include a letter or email from the collaborator(s) indicating commitment to the project.

Funding requests should be sent as one single pdf file to Amanda Frederick ([amanda.frederick@duke.edu](mailto:amanda.frederick@duke.edu)) **no later than 5 pm on September 29, 2017**. Use DII Funding Application as the subject line. Receipt of proposals will be acknowledged within 72 h.

PIs of all funded projects are expected to deliver a final report on their activities after project completion.