

Alliance Grand Challenge Call for Proposals 2016-17

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A central purpose of the Alliance Grand Challenge program is to promote transnational understanding about a topic of global significance. More generally, as with all Alliance programs, this program seeks to foster in students and faculty an understanding that there are multiple ways to view a topic of global significance and to develop not just the critical and creative thinking skills needed to explore the issues thoughtfully, but also to develop the empathetic and communicative skills (including listening!) that are critical to bridging different contexts (cultural, national, historical, religious, and so on).

A Grand Challenge is a topic of global significance that transcends disciplinary boundaries and has important implications for humanity. The Grand Challenge topic for 2016-17 is *Challenging Borders*. The topic is to be interpreted broadly: a border could be political, economic, social, chemical, biological, physical, geographic, technological, gender-based, generational, and more! See the [Grand Challenge page](#) for a sample set of topics related to borders and different ways to think about them.

Each Alliance school outside the United States that wishes to participate in the Grand Challenge program may submit a proposal for up to \$5,000 each academic year to fund curricular and co-curricular learning opportunities around the Grand Challenge topic in collaboration with Alliance schools. Planners are encouraged to talk with the Global Alliance Program Officer, Simon Gray (gray@glca.org) about possibilities and to help identify potential Alliance partners.

Proposals to the Grand Challenge program must address the following:

Topic. What dimension(s) of the Grand Challenge topic will be explored?

Collaboration. In what ways do you anticipate collaborating with Alliance partners to explore the Grand Challenge topic? With which Alliance schools will you collaborate?

Activities. What activities will your campus undertake to explore the Grand Challenge? What tangible outcomes do you anticipate will be created that could be shared as a demonstration of the work done?

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

A complete proposal includes the following

Proposal Summary – available as a Grand Challenge Proposal Summary Word Form from the Global Crossroads web page. The title, abstract, and keywords of successful proposals will be made available on the Awards database on the Alliance web page.

Project Narrative – the narrative should be no longer than five pages and should address the three areas identified above: topic, collaboration, and activities.

Project Budget – a project budget with justification that represents a responsible estimate of costs, including the cost of materials, travel, external speakers, and stipends for participants contributing to the project's design and execution.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Times New Roman at a font size of 12 points, Single-spaced, numbered pages

PROPOSAL DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION

Proposals will be reviewed as they are received. Proposals should be submitted by the campus' Alliance Liaison to the Global Alliance Program Officer at gray@glca.org.

CONTACTS AND LEADERSHIP

Questions about the program should be directed to Simon Gray, Global Alliance Program Officer (gray@glca.org). Each Alliance campus has an Alliance Liaison with responsibility for coordinating the campus' Alliance efforts and communicating with the Global Alliance Program Officer.