The Watson Institute for International Studies invites Brown University faculty and researchers to submit proposals to support projects, events, and initiatives aimed at building stronger ties between the Institute and other departments and centers at Brown. As one of the country’s leading centers for international and public affairs, the Watson Institute focuses on addressing some of the world’s great challenges (development, governance, and security) in ways that are academically rigorous and relevant to the world. In order to fulfill this mission, the Institute seeks to partner with and build on the existing strengths of individual faculty and programs across the University. We are especially interested in proposals that bridge academic disciplines and that seek to shape policy debates both in the US and abroad.

Eligibility

Watson Institute Collaboration Grants are open to all Brown University faculty and members of the research staff.

Funding

Funds may be used to cover expenses related to meetings, seminar series, workshops, and exploratory research trips. Funds may not be used to cover salaries or materials.

Maximum Award Amount: $10,000.

Application process and Deadline

Applicants should submit a brief (3 page maximum) proposal describing the project, event, and/or initiative they wish the Watson Institute to support. Proposals should describe how this collaborative project builds on and extends the Institute’s core research themes (development, governance, and security) and should also specify what new activities will be supported through this grant that are not currently being funded by other sources. A detailed budget and timeline should be included with the proposal.

There will be two (2) grant cycles this academic year. The deadlines for each cycle are: October 15, 2014 and March 15, 2015.

A selection committee consisting of Watson Institute faculty will review all proposals and notify applicants of its decisions within 15 days of the application deadline. Funds will be made available shortly thereafter.

Grantees will be asked to submit a short (1-2 page) activity report at the end of the grant period.

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