

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## MSU Strategic Partnership Travel Funding available through area regional centers

The Provost and the Dean of ISP have made available funds to strengthen strategic partnerships with universities and institutions of higher education and research. These partnerships may involve collaborative research, regular exchange of faculty and students, co-developed distance learning courses, co-sponsored dual degree programs, and other forms of cooperation that build the institutional partnership.

Collaborative research is essential to these partnerships, and we ask faculty who participate to build broader and deeper multidisciplinary cooperation with the partner institutions that extends beyond their own research priorities.

The Canadian Studies Center encourages strategic partnerships with those who we have recognized as doing work consistent with ISP's thematic foci, including Carleton University (Ottawa, ON), University of Guelph (Guelph, ON), and:

Institution	City	Province	Total Students	Sponsored Research Income
<a href="#">Dalhousie University</a>	<a href="#">Halifax</a>	<a href="#">Nova Scotia</a>	18,560	\$140,099,000
<a href="#">McGill University</a>	<a href="#">Montreal</a>	<a href="#">Quebec</a>	37,170	\$483,527,000
<a href="#">McMaster University</a>	<a href="#">Hamilton</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	30,280	\$325,156,000
<a href="#">Queen's University</a>	<a href="#">Kingston</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	24,850	\$168,025,000
<a href="#">University of Alberta</a>	<a href="#">Edmonton</a>	<a href="#">Alberta</a>	37,730	\$452,436,000
<a href="#">University of British Columbia</a>	<a href="#">Vancouver</a>	<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	58,030	\$585,154,000
<a href="#">University of Calgary</a>	<a href="#">Calgary</a>	<a href="#">Alberta</a>	31,800	\$282,771,000
<a href="#">University of Manitoba</a>	<a href="#">Winnipeg</a>	<a href="#">Manitoba</a>	29,150	\$159,763,000
<a href="#">University of Ottawa</a>	<a href="#">Ottawa</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	43,100	\$282,771,000
<a href="#">University of Saskatchewan</a>	<a href="#">Saskatoon</a>	<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a>	20,080	\$166,677,000
<a href="#">University of Toronto</a>	<a href="#">Toronto</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	84,400	\$1,038,390,000
<a href="#">University of Waterloo</a>	<a href="#">Waterloo</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	35,900	\$137,006,000
<a href="#">University of Western Ontario</a>	<a href="#">London</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	37,000	\$241,095,000
<a href="#">Université de Montréal</a>	<a href="#">Montreal</a>	<a href="#">Quebec</a>	46,980	\$526,213,000



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Strategic Partnership funds will provide partial support of travel costs to develop or further established strategic partnerships, both for MSU faculty traveling away, and their partners who may be travelling to MSU. The applicant faculty member's college, department, and other institutes will be expected to share the costs of this travel to ensure that the commitment to long-term partnering is shared by departments and colleges.

Outcomes from these travel awards should include one of the following:

- 1) Development or submission of a collaborative proposal (including MSU and partner institution faculty) for external funding.
- 2) Development of new collaborative curricular programs (degree programs, courses, faculty exchanges)

These outcomes may focus on international development outside of the United States and Canada. For 2015-2016, the Canadian Studies Center will award grants to teams of faculty interested in collaborating to establish a strategic initiative in one of the following areas:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Food and Agriculture
- Health and Nutrition
- Trade and Economic Development
- Technology Innovation
- Border and Infrastructure Issues

Proposals should not exceed 5 pages and should include:

1. A narrative that addresses these questions:
  - What activities are proposed?
  - What outcomes are expected from them?
  - What are the long-term goals of this partnership and who will be involved?
  - How has this institution (or institutions) been chosen as a strategic MSU partner abroad?
  - What MSU faculty members are involved in the project and from which disciplines?
  - With which department and/or college at the host university will you collaborate?
  - If project participants previously have engaged in collaborative work with colleagues there, what was the nature and duration of that collaboration?
2. On a separate page, a written endorsement from the applicant's dean or department chairperson committing to a minimum of 20% matching funds or in-kind contributions.
3. On a separate page, a proposed budget.

**Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis but must show all funds expended and travel completed by June 30, 2016.** Proposals should be submitted to the director of the Canadian Studies Center, 306 International Center for review by the Center's Advisory Committee. Successful applicants will be required to submit a written report on program activities and outcomes upon completion of the program. For more information contact AnnMarie Schneider at [annmarie@msu.edu](mailto:annmarie@msu.edu) or 517-353-9349.

For your information, the MSU criteria that will be used to evaluate the continuing use and effectiveness of strategic partnership funds will include the number and quality of (1) collaborative research grant applications submitted and awarded, (2) collaborative research publications completed, (3) faculty exchanged through post-doctoral and visiting scholar appointments, and (4) curricular innovations (collaborative courses, dual certificate or degree programs, sandwich degrees, study abroad, and internship programs, etc.)