

Canadian Studies Center Strategic Partnership Funds Description

The Provost and the Dean of International Studies and Programs (ISP) have made available funds to strengthen strategic partnerships with particular universities and institutions of higher education and research, focused on themes in which a critical mass of MSU faculty is engaged. These partnerships will generally involve multiple departments and/or colleges at MSU. 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.

Strategic Partnership funds will provide partial support of travel costs to develop strategic partnerships, both for MSU faculty and their partners coming from abroad. 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:

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

If you are interested in applying for this funding, please contact Dr. Rebecca Malouin, Director of the Canadian Studies Center, at malouinr@msu.edu. Please see attached for submission 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.)

Priority will be given to applications received by November 1.

Canadian Studies Center Strategic Partnership Funds Application Instructions

Please include your name, contact information, college/department, and whether you have received funds from the Canadian Studies Center in the past.

The application should include the following elements:

1. Title
2. A narrative with the following information (no longer than five pages):
 - a. What activities are proposed for this trip?
 - b. What outcomes are expected from these activities and this trip?
 - c. What are the long-term goals of this partnership and who will be involved?
 - d. How has this institution been chosen as a strategic MSU partner abroad?
 - e. What MSU faculty are involved in the project and from which disciplines?
 - f. With which department and/or college at the host university will you collaborate?
 - g. If participants previously have engaged in collaborative work with colleagues there, what was the nature and duration of that collaboration?
3. A written endorsement from the applicant's dean or department chairperson committing to a minimum of 20% matching funds.
4. A proposed budget (please use the attached budget form)
5. Contact information of applicant's fiscal officer

Please send the proposal materials to csc@msu.edu. Priority will be given to applications received by November 1.