

GU8 Funding Opportunities: USA and Europe
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Partner University Fund (USA and France)

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PUF was established in May 2007 under the auspices of the FACE Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of private donors and contributions from the French government, PUF launched its first call for projects in September 2007 with the objective of supporting innovative and sustainable partnerships between French and US institutions of research and higher education.

Grants provided by the Partner University Fund support research and graduate education partnerships between French and American Universities with emphasis placed on novel, innovative and, when relevant, interdisciplinary approaches that involve exchanges across national and disciplinary boundaries.

Applicants are expected to develop new or deeper partnerships through the collaboration. The PUF Grant Review Committee will value, when applicable, evidence of institutional commitment to the development of joint or dual degrees even when the partnership starts with simple shared teaching and research exchanges.

PUF seeks to fund research and graduate education projects in all disciplines without exception. It also encourages interdisciplinary projects when relevant.

Each host institution should be perceived as deeply committed to making the stay of guest students and faculty as pleasant and accommodating as possible. Any local funding found to achieve this will be greatly appreciated by the PUF Grant Review Committee. The creation of additional collaborations with surrounding research labs and institutions outside the initial host campus will also be greatly appreciated, as well as the creation of consortia of partner institutions.

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International Education Programs Service

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps/brochure-ieps.pdf>

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Who May Apply (specifically)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) that have entered into agreements with business enterprises, trade organizations, or associations engaged in international economic activity, or a combination or consortium of these enterprises, organizations, or associations may apply.

Program Description

This program provides funds to IHEs that enter into agreements with trade associations and businesses to improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum and to conduct outreach activities that expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

Types of Projects

Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

Improving the business and international education curriculum of institutions to serve the needs of the business community, including the development of new programs for mid-career or part-time students;

Developing programs to inform the public of increasing international economic interdependence and the role of U.S. businesses within the international economic system;

Internationalizing curricula at the junior and community college levels and at undergraduate and graduate schools of business;

Developing area studies and interdisciplinary international programs;

Establishing export education programs;

Conducting research and developing specialized teaching materials appropriate to business-oriented students;

Establishing student and faculty fellowships and internships or other training or research opportunities;

Creating opportunities for business and professional faculty to strengthen international skills;
Developing research programs on issues of common interest to IHEs and private sector organizations and associations engaged in or promoting international economic activity;

Establishing internships overseas to enable foreign language students to develop their foreign language skills and knowledge of foreign cultures and societies;

Establishing links overseas with IHEs and organizations that contribute to the education objectives of this program; and

Establishing summer institutes in international business, foreign areas, and other international studies designed to carry out the purposes of this program.

Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsbie/index.html>