



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITY NETWORK (WUN)  
2011 RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS**

**Deadline: Tuesday 18th October 2011 4:30PM**

UW-Madison is a member of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), a consortium of leading public research universities. WUN members draw on combined resources and expertise to advance knowledge and understanding on issues of global concern. The UW-Madison partnership in WUN is managed by the Division of International Studies and led by Dean and Vice Chancellor Gilles Bousquet and Associate Dean Amy Stambach.

UW-Madison participation in WUN has resulted in wide-ranging impacts, including research advances, strengthened international partnerships, extramural funding bids, sharing of best practices, new online resources, and innovative educational opportunities.

This fall, all UW-Madison faculty and academic staff are invited to apply for grants designed to facilitate international collaboration. To support research collaborations, the WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) offers grants of up to **£15,000** (average £10,000) from an overall fund in 2011-2012 of up to £200,000. In particular, WUN is committed to the development of interdisciplinary research collaborations addressing four **Global Challenges**:

- Adapting to Climate Change
- Global Public Health: non-communicable disease (NCD) control
- Globalization of Higher Education and Research
- Understanding Cultures

For more information on the submission and review process please see the following documents.

Questions can be answered by the WUN Coordinator and Director for Global Engagement and Leadership, David Joiner ([djoiner@international.wisc.edu](mailto:djoiner@international.wisc.edu) or 265.4753) and/or Fellowship Advisor, Erin Crawley ([fellow@intl-institute.wisc.edu](mailto:fellow@intl-institute.wisc.edu) or 262-9632).

WUN members include:

University of Alberta  
University of Bergen  
University of Bristol  
University of Leeds  
Nanjing University  
Pennsylvania State University  
University of Sheffield  
University of Southampton

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## WUN Research Development Fund - Guidelines

The Worldwide Universities Network is a global alliance of research intensive universities drawn from the UK, Europe, North America, China, Australia and Africa. Central to WUN's mission is the fostering of international collaborative research. In particular, WUN is committed to the development of interdisciplinary research collaborations addressing recognisable global challenges.

The WUN Research Development Fund (RDF) offers grants of up to £15,000 (average £10,000<sup>1</sup>) from an overall fund in 2011-2012 of up to £200,000 to support research collaborations in the following WUN *Global Challenges*:

- Adapting to Climate Change
- Global Public Health: non-communicable disease (NCD) control
- Globalisation of Higher Education and Research
- Understanding Cultures

The focus of the fund is on providing up to one year of seed/pump-priming funds.

Programs may include exploratory research initiatives, targeted workshops, faculty exchanges and the formation of collaborative networks, among other activities. Applications that incorporate a research mobility component for early career researchers and postgraduate students are encouraged.

The WUN Research Development Fund will not cover salaries or salary supplementation; equipment depreciation; scholarships; course fees and bench fees. The fund is designed to catalyse and augment the investment by WUN member universities in international research initiatives. Consequently an award from WUN should be matched by cash funding of equal or greater value, using the sum total investment of the program partners.

Programs funded by the WUN Research Development Fund must be eligible to be branded as WUN projects. The WUN logo should appear on marketing, promotional and informational material associated with the program. The WUN should also be acknowledged in all publications resulting from or associated with the award even if published after the initial 12 month funding period.

### Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Objectives** – programs should aim to address a novel research area or take an existing interdisciplinary research group (IRG) in a significantly new direction. The application should clearly set out how the program aligns with WUN strategic objectives and how it addresses a WUN *Global Challenge*.
- **Quality** – programs are of high academic quality and impact, innovative, inter-disciplinary, and international in scope.

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<sup>1</sup> USD-£1:\$1.632; EUR-£1:€1.142; AUD-£1:Aus\$1.491; CAD-£1:Can\$1.551; RMB-£1:Chinese Renminbi 10.511; Rand-£1: ZAR 11.035; NZD-£1: NZD\$1.883.

- **Leadership** – programs are led by recognised academics with a demonstrated track record of research excellence. Programs should involve a team of researchers across a range of relevant disciplines and regions. Programs that include early-career researchers and PhD students are particularly encouraged and an outline of how this integration will be achieved should be provided.
- **Sustainability** – programs will build longer term international relationships based on genuine commitment by the research partners, demonstrated matching cash and in kind support by the partner institutions and the clear and realistic opportunities to attract external funding.
- **Partnership** – programs engage at least three WUN member universities and should span at least 2 geographical regions. The collaboration can include non-WUN universities and external partners but must have an active core of WUN member universities. In the spirit of the network, activities organised through the programs should be open to all WUN members.

**Applications will need to be accompanied by:**

- Letters of support from all partner institutions, confirming matching support
- Detailed program budget (1 page maximum)
- Detailed program timeline (1 page maximum)
- CVs of principal investigators (1 page maximum each)

**Application process**

Applications must first be submitted to the UW-Madison WUN RDF Advisor (fellow@intl-institute.wisc.edu) at UW-Madison no later than **18 October at 4:30pm**. Once received, the applications will be evaluated by a group led by the Academic Advisory Group representative at UW-Madison that will be responsible for reviewing, ranking and approving applications prior to submission to WUN. A maximum of three submissions will be accepted from each WUN member university. Applications will be assessed and ranked by a WUN selection committee made up of at least 2 members of the WUN Academic Advisory Group and the Chief Executive. The outcomes of the WUN Research Development Fund will be notified on or around 9 January 2012.

**Financial and reporting obligations**

Allocated funds will be deposited via bank transfer to the Principal Investigator's nominated university account in February 2012. Awarded programs must be started within 6 months, with allocated funding expended within 12 months. Awardees will be required to submit a brief progress report at the end of 6 months to the Chief Executive (on a template to be provided), with a final report due at the end of 12 months. Unspent funds at the conclusion of 12 months may be recalled by WUN. Awardees who fail to submit a satisfactory final report will be ineligible to apply in future WUN RDF rounds.

**To submit proposals or for further information on RDF process please contact:**

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