

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2026 Global Undergraduate Exchange Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361676>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017975

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-28

Sponsor Application Deadlines: 2026-06-02

Description: The FY26 Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD) Program brings future leaders to the United States to deepen their understanding of the United States, experience U.S. higher education, improve their English language skills, and gain critical professional development skills. The program builds a U.S. network of emerging international innovators and partners with a deep understanding of American excellence, innovation, and culture. By building long-term relationships with future leaders and influencers in critical regions across the globe, Global UGRAD creates a beneficial network of future leaders with an affinity for the United States who promote America as the preferred partner for future engagement.

Goals and Objectives: The goals and objectives of the Global UGRAD Program are to: 1.) Provide an exchange experience to drive academic and professional competencies for students from Global UGRAD countries in critical world regions; 2.) enhance students' academic knowledge and professional skills in strategic U.S. priorities in fields such as business, entrepreneurship, semiconductors, AI, engineering, critical minerals, manufacturing, and supply chain resilience; 3.) cultivate students' understanding and appreciation of the United States, its political traditions, and societal strengths; 4.) facilitate opportunities for students to establish social and professional networks with U.S. host institutions, local communities, and commercial sectors; and 5.) equip students for civic engagement when they return to their home communities.

The program supports U.S. foreign policy goals and strengthens America's global leadership by advancing participants' understanding of American values, institutions, and democratic norms. By building long-term relationships with future leaders and influencers in critical regions across the globe, Global UGRAD creates a beneficial network of future leaders with an affinity for the United States who promote America as the preferred partner for future engagement. The program's activities prepare participants to return to their home countries and take on leadership roles in civil society, critical industries, and government. By equipping participants with skills in entrepreneurship, STEM, and business, the program supports U.S. prosperity by creating pathways for future collaborations with Americans in strategic sectors.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/XcZuokaeUfdbbSZD6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:

- For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 18-19, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of the program idea and Program planning
 - Institutional Capacity and Institution's Record/Ability
 - Multiplier effect/impact and Follow-on Activities
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.