

President's Innovation Fund for International Experiences
Program Policies – *REVISED 1.24*

1. Program requirements

The PIFIE are seed grants to develop international academic programming for Harvard students. As part of your application, you will be asked to describe the program you are developing. All programs must meet the following criteria, in order to be considered for funding.

- a. Student participants must be Harvard undergraduates, unless:
 - i. an unanticipated enrollment shortage requires the participation of non-Harvard undergraduates, OR
 - ii. an experiential aspect of the program involves co-participation by Harvard and foreign students, OR
 - iii. the program is designed as a joint undergraduate-graduate program.
- b. Duration of the students' residence abroad is ordinarily 8 weeks.
 - i. proposals can be for a new 8+ week program or the extension of an existing <8-week program.
 - ii. proposals may be approved for shorter programs, but those lasting 8+ weeks will be given priority.
 - iii. on-campus supplements to an international experience do not need to meet the 8-week requirement.
- c. The program must be administered by a Harvard unit with sufficient administrative capacity to adequately support the program. Such units may be departments, international or area studies centers, the Harvard Summer School, or other entities.
- d. Proposed programs are expected to take place within two calendar years.

2. Faculty Eligibility

The program must have a faculty leader or P.I. who meets one of the following criteria:

- a. Holds a "ladder faculty" appointment (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) at any School other than Harvard Medical School
- b. Holds a "Quad Appointment" at Harvard Medical School
- c. Holds the title Professor of the Practice or Professor in Residence
- d. Holds a multi-year appointment as a Senior Preceptor
- e. Holds a multi-year appointment as a Lecturer in any School and must be "On Quad" if at HMS or HSDM
- f. Holds the title Adjunct Assistant or Adjunct Associate at the Graduate School of Design

3. Term-time program teaching relief

If the proposed program will take place during the fall or spring semester of the academic year, proposals must include a letter from the department chair and the relevant School Dean acknowledging the faculty member's absence from normal teaching requirements.

4. *Application Requirements*

Please see the application form [here](#). The application must include:

- a. A description of the activity (not more than two pages)
- b. A detailed budget (including categories of expense and specific planned expenditures, e.g., travel, food, honoraria, facilities rentals, etc.)
- c. A plan for administrative management of the activity
- d. Letters of commitment to the project (one from the designated faculty leader assuming fiscal, administrative, and intellectual responsibility for the program and one from each participating faculty member specifying the level of involvement to which he or she is prepared to commit)
- e. A proposed plan for securing program funding after the Innovation Fund's seed money has been used

5. *Funding*

Grants will not exceed \$60,000.

- a. Grants will not cover the cost of student participation in the program.
- b. Grants may cover compensation for faculty if:
 - i. all programmatic components of all approved proposals are covered, and funds remain AND
 - ii. the requested compensation does not exceed 1/9th of the faculty's salary.
- c. Up to \$6,000 of the award can be allocated to cover the overhead costs of the administrative unit.
- d. If the proposed program will take place in the subsequent calendar year, funds should be spent in that time. If the program will take place in the following calendar year, the funds should be expended by the end of the that year.

6. *Reporting*

Awardees are required to submit summary reports by the application deadline of the following year's program, that address the program's activities, participants, immersive impact, expenditures, and program continuity.

- a. A form for this report is available [here](#).
- b. Awardees are required to conduct an evaluative survey of their student participants and to report the results to the PIFIE committee.

7. *Renewal Awards*

Awardees may apply for renewal funding.

- a. Applications are due on the application deadline for new proposals.
- b. Applications for renewal funding will fulfill the summary report requirement.

8. *Marketing*

Acceptance of award gives the PIFIE committee permission to market the program, which may include but is not limited to listing a summary of the program on the PIFIE website; listing a summary of the program in any PIFIE promotion, such as a Harvard Gazette article; and announcing the program at events, such as the International Activities Workshop sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs.