



POSNER CENTER

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION FUND

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

Grant Schedule

Letters of Intent Due	October 6, 2017 by 5:00PM
Invitation for Full Proposals	October 11, 2017
Full Proposals Due	November 29, 2017 by 5:00PM
Notification of Awards	December 20, 2017

Overview

The International Collaboration Fund (ICF) is the Posner Center's signature program, and an essential element of our work to *build a community of innovators who grow lasting solutions to global poverty*. The ICF is built upon the idea that strategic collaboration can create transformative change in development. The Posner Center seeks Letters of Intent (LOIs) from new and existing partnerships within the Posner Center network that meet the eligibility and funding priorities outlined below.

Eligibility

LOIs are requested for collaborations that involve significant partnership between at least two Posner Center Tenants or Members. The lead applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization that is a current Tenant or Member of the Posner Center. At least one other organization on the proposal must be a current Tenant or Member. Additional collaborators do not have to be Posner Center Tenants or Members, though participation by additional Tenants and Members is encouraged where appropriate.

Program & Funding Priorities

We are seeking proposals that harness the power of collaboration for impact in the area(s) where work is implemented, as well as in the Posner Center network and the broader international development community.

We welcome a diversity of approaches and geographies for work in the following two **broad** categories:

- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Women and Girls

Grant Types and Size

Scoping Grant

(Approx. 1-2 grants from \$5,000-\$10,000)

Scoping grants provide an opportunity for organizations to learn, explore, test assumptions, and identify best practices before launching larger-scale projects. Scoping grants may include, but are not limited to: pilot projects, project planning, research, training, evaluation, strategy development, or coalition-building work. Applicants are *strongly encouraged* to submit a LOI for a Scoping Grant, rather than for a full Project Grant, unless substantial collaborative work has already taken place.

Project Grant

(Approx. 1-2 grants from \$10,000-\$20,000)

Project grants support collaborative projects with the potential to create lasting impact in the areas in which the project is implemented. In addition, projects with the potential to disseminate important learning to the Posner Center network or the broader international development community will be prioritized. Project Grants are intended for groups who can demonstrate prior collaborative work with proposed partners.

Exploring Opportunities & Feedback for Ideas

There are several ways to connect with the Posner community to explore partnerships or seek feedback on your ideas. All applicants are encouraged to discuss ideas with Posner's Program Director before submitting an LOI.

HorseBarn Google Group: Email horsebarn@googlegroups.com to circulate your idea(s) on the Google Group to assess interest and find potential partners. Members please email email meg@posnercenter.org to reserve space in the building for free to meet and brainstorm with others.

Free Beer and Coffee: We have \$10 gift cards for Purple Door Coffee and Epic Brewing Company for those of you who would like to brainstorm over beverages. Email meg@posnercenter.org to request a gift card.

Office Hours: Have an idea and want feedback? Have questions about the request for LOIs? Have a great idea, but need suggestions for potential partners? Bring these and other questions to our Office Hours for further support and brainstorming with the Posner Center Program Director. Please RSVP at the links below:

Session 1	Mon., September 11	2:00—4:00 PM	Posner Commons
Session 2	Wed., September 20	2:00—4:00 PM	Posner Commons
Session 3	Thu., September 28	9:00—11:00 AM	Posner Commons

Letter of Intent Format

The LOI must be no longer than one typed page, and should include all of the following. Submit via email to meg@posnercenter.org.

Summary Statement: Indicate the partners involved in the project (including annual operating budget amounts) and the purpose for which funding is being sought.

Problem Statement: What challenge(s) does your work seek to address? What strategy are you proposing to address the challenge(s)?

Project Activity: What are the project activities? What informs this approach?

Outcomes & Impact: State your overall goals and specific objectives. How will you know if you've met your objectives?

Budget: How much money is being requested? Approximately how much money will be allocated towards key line items for this request?

Review and Notification

The ICF Review Committee will review Letters of Intent. Applicants selected to submit a full proposal will be notified by October 11, 2017. Those invited to submit a full proposal will receive the Request for Proposals (RFP) including instructions on how to apply. The full proposal is due by November 29, 2017 at 5:00pm.