



POSNER CENTER

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION FUND

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

Grant Schedule

Letters of Intent Due	October 19, 2018 by 5:00PM
Invitation for Full Proposals	October 24, 2018
Full Proposals Due	November 30, 2018 by 5:00PM
Notification of Awards	By December 31, 2018

Overview

The International Collaboration Fund (ICF) is a grant program transforming how global development is done. The ICF funds innovative partnerships within the Posner Center community, leveraging the power of collaboration for greater impact. 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 Priorities

We are seeking proposals with the greatest potential to:

- Contribute to evidence-based best practices in global development;
- Deepen our understanding of collaborative processes;
- Strengthen the development practice of the Posner Center community and/or the sector(s) of which you are a part;
- Create valuable organizational and/or programmatic learning (Scoping Grants); and
- Make measurable and lasting changes in the communities in which the work is conducted (Project Grants).

Award Types and Size

Arrow Innovation in Technology Award

(1 grant, \$20,000)

The Posner Center for International Development is pleased to partner with Arrow Electronics to create the *Arrow Innovation in Technology Award*. This award will fund one \$20,000 project grant for innovation in technology. The selected project will embody the spirit of innovation in technology to benefit humanity. This initiative must employ technology in creative ways to directly support communities. Priority consideration will be

given to proposals that support communities in the countries where the Posner Center community is active and where Arrow lives and works. See the complete list [here](#).

Scoping Grant

(2-3 grants. Suggested Range: \$10,000-\$15,000)

Scoping grants provide a unique opportunity for organizations to explore new ways of addressing existing challenges. These are exploratory grants, designed to pilot a new approach, study the efficacy of a particular program or project, integrate the skills and experience of partners, or otherwise learn with the overall aim of strengthening organizational capacity to deliver programs and services.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a LOI for a Scoping Grant, rather than for a Project Grant, unless substantial collaborative work has already taken place. Scoping grants must be in one or more of the following broad domains: Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development, and Women and Girls.

Project Grant

(1-2 grants. Suggested Range: \$15,000-\$30,000)

Project grants support direct development efforts in communities worldwide. They are implementation grants, enabling partners to actively collaborate on a project together.

Additional consideration given to organizations who have previously collaborated with proposed partners or who can clearly demonstrate a shared ongoing commitment to these efforts. Project grants must be in one or more of the following broad domains: Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development, and Women and Girls.

Exploring Opportunities & Feedback for Ideas

There are several ways to connect with the Posner community to explore partnerships or seek feedback on your ideas. 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 meg@posnercenter.org to reserve space in the building for free to meet and brainstorm with others.

Free Beer and Coffee: We have small gift cards for local establishments for those of you who would like to brainstorm over coffee or beer. 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	Thursday, September 13	1:00—3:00 PM	Posner Commons
Session 2	Monday, September 24	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 and the purpose for which funding is being sought. Please include annual operating budget amounts for all partners.

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

Posner Center staff will review LOIs. Applicants selected to submit a full proposal will be notified by October 24, 2018. Those invited to submit a full proposal will receive the Request for Proposals (RFP) including instructions on how to apply. The proposal is due by November 30, 2018 at 5:00pm. Proposals will be reviewed by the ICF Review Committee, which consists of the at-large members of the Posner Center Board of Directors and select funding partners.