The purpose of the International Faculty Development Program is to advance the internationalization of the Virginia Tech community through the development of faculty expertise and leadership and to provide a pathway for program participants with limited global exposure to advance their scholarship in a global context.

Specific objectives:
1) To enhance the understanding of program participants of promising practices in international learning, discovery, and engagement.
2) To enhance the capacity of departments and colleges to internationalize programs.
3) To create a cohort of faculty leaders/activists/advocates to advance the university’s global position.

Selection Process: Deans are encouraged to nominate more than one individual from their Colleges to participate in the program. Faculty self-nominations and department head nominations must be steered and vetted by the respective Dean’s office. While preference will be given to junior faculty with no/minimal overseas experience, applications from mid-career faculty will also be considered.

A final group of six faculty will be selected for 2015. The final group selection will be based on the thematic foci for the year and how closely it matches with the research and educational collaboration being proposed by the applicant(s). In 2015, the focus is going to be on International Business, Geo-politics of the Euro Zone, Transportation, Urban Planning, Sustainability and Resiliency, Public Health and Social Services, Education and Development. Nominees should demonstrate interest and commitment to reinvesting their knowledge and skills to enhancing the internationalization of programs within their departments and institute/college and to participate in international networks of scholarship. A selection committee will select the final candidates.

Applications must include: 1) Nomination letter from Dean; 2) Cover letter and CV from applicant. Completed application must be received in office of Outreach and International Affairs, Gateway Center, Suite 120, (0265), Attn: Guru Ghosh no later than February 20, 2015.

Timeline:

February: Introductory Meeting
  • Program overview
    o Learning Objectives: (a) broad objectives for the program as a whole and (b) specialized objectives for each college, department, program, and individual faculty
    o Assigned readings
2) *A Call to Leadership: The Presidential Role in Internationalizing the University* (NASULGC, 2004)
   - Assessment of department and college
   - Introduction to the region and its institutions
   - Identification of potential British(s)
   - Review of VT International Programs
   - The Value of Internationalization to the Academic Experience (Panel)

**March Seminar**
- Sharing of department/college international programs
- Discussion of individual learning objectives

**April Seminar**
- Presentation of individual learning objectives including British partners
- Review of May intensive education abroad experience

**May Seminar**
- Review of May trip and travel plans
- Update on individual learning plans

**Dates of Travel:** May 19th-29th, 2015. (Tentative)