



Budget Request Form FY2013

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Women's Resource Center

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Women's Institute for Global Leadership (WIGL)

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

The proposed Women's Institute for Global Leadership (WIGL) is designed to enhance the global leadership skills for Aggie students. The program will consist of two components for global leadership training:

- (1) *International Women's Day. This is an international event that has not previously existed on the TAMU campus. This event will be coordinated by students enrolled in the Women's Resource Center Aggie Women in Leadership Learning Community (AWIL). The AWIL curriculum includes a focus on global leadership and organization and implementation of the TAMU International Women's Day conference and other activities will serve as an experiential learning component for the students. The conference will be open to all TAMU students, faculty and staff.*
- (2) *A spring break study abroad opportunity. The Women's Resource Center is currently partnering with the TAMU Study Abroad Office to plan and implement an international spring break trip. One of two options will be pursued for the spring break study abroad trip; (a) attendance at the Women As Global Leaders conference (hosted by Zayed University in Abu Dhabi) offered alternating years, or (b) a service learning opportunity abroad conducted in partnership with Cross Cultural Solutions, an organization that arranges for service learning opportunities for college students world-wide.*

Request Type: Full Increase One-Time Partial/Matching

General Questions:

How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?

Imperative Six (Diversify and Globalize the A&M Community) of Vision 2020 states:

The time has passed when the isolation of the Texas A&M University campus served a compelling utilitarian function. Information, communication, and travel technology have produced a highly connected global society. The ability to survive, much less succeed, is increasingly linked to the development of a more pluralistic, diverse, and globally aware populace. It is essential that the faculty, students, and larger campus community embrace this more cosmopolitan environment. The university's traditional core values will give us guidance and distinctiveness, while preparing us to interact with all people of the globe.

The TAMU Academic Master Plan calls on us to

"Expand the global perspective of students, faculty, and staff through involvement in international initiatives and exposure to international experiences that enhance scholarship and experiential engagement."

The Academic master plan includes the following as performance indicators that this goal will be met:

An increase in the percentage of graduating students who have participated in credit-bearing international experience, an increase in the number of on-going service learning options abroad for students and student organizations, and an increase in the number of students engaged in on-campus globalization activities. The Women’s Institute for Global Leadership is a direct response to these imperatives as established by Texas A&M University.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.

- Sponsorships and grants from corporations, international groups, and campus groups with a vested interest will be sought to supplement funding for the on-campus component (International Women’s Day).
- Additional funding for the international trip will include funding by participants. Students will be expected to contribute to a portion of the cost for their own trip. However, participating students will be encouraged to apply for study abroad scholarships through financial aid. The Women’s Resource Center is also seeking funding through corporate grants, and a variety of Aggie foundations and alumni organizations. Participants will be required to mount a fund raising campaign to support their trip.

Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?

Pre and post measurements of student’s knowledge will be assessed. One of these measurements will include the Cross Cultural Adaptability Inventory. Participant evaluations of all activities will be used. Participants in the study abroad trip will be required to participate in pre departure briefings and after action debriefings that will include presentations of learning.

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
On -campus global experience (International Women's Day)	\$3,000.00
International study abroad experience	\$5,000.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST	\$8,000.00

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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