

Distinguished Visiting International Scholars Program For Spring 2017 Campus Visits

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The Office of the Provost is pleased to accept applications for the Distinguished Visiting International Scholars Program for the Spring 2017 semester. This initiative is designed to support the scholarly mission and global perspective of the University of Rhode Island (URI), especially in areas of strategic focus that bridge disciplinary areas. The goals of this program are to demonstrate URI's commitment to research and scholarship, engage the campus community, strengthen emphasis on global learning and discovery, build international collaborations, and enhance the visibility of URI around the country and world. Please see the list of Visiting Scholars supported through this program since 2010 at the end of this document.

Description of the Program

The program provides funds to support hosting two **international** scholars or scholar-practitioners at URI in the spring for four to five-day visits. Each Visiting Scholar is expected to deliver two lectures on his/her research area: a public lecture of high appeal to the URI campus community and general public; and a more specialized lecture to faculty and students in the Scholar's disciplinary area. In addition, the Visiting Scholar would be asked to meet formally (e.g., guest lecture) or informally with groups of undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to the activities in the relevant departments, we encourage you to plan activities with students in the Honors Program and Graduate School. A reception to engage the Visiting Scholar with URI faculty would also be an important component of the visit. It might be possible to leverage the visit by integrating events or activities already occurring on campus into the plans (e.g., Honors Colloquium, International Education Week, etc.). In some cases, it might also be appropriate for the Scholar to meet with outside constituencies (e.g., government, business, and non-profit organizations).

Award

A total of \$17,000 has been allocated to this program to support two Visiting Scholars for the Spring 2017 semester. A maximum of \$8,500 will be awarded for each Visiting Scholar to support travel, meals, lodging, honorarium, etc. Unused funds will be returned to the Office of the Provost to fund future Visiting Scholars.

Application Process

At this time, we are requesting proposals for Spring 2017. We are especially interested in proposals that are supported by various disciplines with shared interest in the Visiting Scholar's work and expertise. A subcommittee of the Global Steering Committee, with the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs chairing this initiative, will review proposals and rank them based on the selection criteria.

Criteria for Successful Proposals

1. The Visiting Scholar must be an accomplished scholar (including creative and artistic individuals), or eminent practitioner who is internationally recognized and whose work has had significant impact on scholarship and/or practice.
2. The Scholar **must** be fluent in English.
3. The Visiting Scholar must not be living and working in the United States on a permanent basis. Individuals who are already in the US on a temporary basis are eligible (e.g., Visiting Professors at other universities, scholars in residence, Fulbright scholars, etc.).
4. The Scholar must commit to spending four to five days on campus with various constituencies, including students. The activities planned for the Scholar must be articulated in the proposal. A plan for promoting the visit and lectures must be included.
5. Preference will be given to support Visiting Scholars whose work is interdisciplinary,¹ uniquely innovative, and relevant to areas of expertise and interest in the URI community. Work that appeals to broad interests across the campus community is preferred. Multiple department/college sponsorships are encouraged.
6. Preference will be given to proposals that show potential for the development of a future on-going relationship between URI and the Visiting Scholar's home institution (e.g., faculty and student exchanges, collaboration on educational and/or research programs, etc.).

If you have questions, please contact Laura Beauvais (874-4341 or beauvais@uri.edu) in the Provost's Office. Please note that sponsoring faculty hosts, not the Provost's Office, will be responsible for planning and organizing the visit and interacting with relevant campus constituencies to ensure a successful visit. Assistance in planning the visit is provided by Shana Greene in Public Programming and Events.

Application Process

Complete the following application form and submit a current CV of the proposed Scholar to the Office of the Provost (officeofprovost@etal.uri.edu) by **Tuesday, November 1, 2016** by 5:00 PM. Decisions will be made in early December.

¹ URI's Interdisciplinary Solutions Task Force has defined interdisciplinary study as a process of answering questions, solving problems, or addressing topics that are too broad or complex to be dealt with adequately by a single discipline. Interdisciplinary study draws on disciplinary perspectives and integrates their insights to produce a more comprehensive understanding or cognitive advancement.

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Application for Spring 2017 Visits

Complete the following application and attach the Scholar's current CV. Email to the Provost Office (officeofprovost@etal.uri.edu) no later than **Tuesday, November 1, 2016** by 5:00 PM by scanning the signed paper application and proposal into pdf format. A confirmation email will be sent when the proposal has been received. Decisions will be made by early December.

Name of Scholar _____

Scholar's Institutional Affiliation _____

Scholar's Home Country _____

Main URI Contact Person (name, voicemail, and email address)

Dates in which Scholar's visit is planned _____

Signature _____ Date _____

In no more than **FOUR** pages, provide a narrative that addresses the following:

1. Describe the candidate's research/scholarly area(s), highlighting the significance and impact of his/her work and its potential for enhancing global learning and research involving multiple URI constituencies. Provide a statement verifying that the Scholar is fluent in English public speaking. Include an explanation of how the work is innovative and relevant to diverse interests and expertise within the URI community.
2. List departments and colleges sponsoring the candidate, specifying individual faculty and staff who will organize and host the Scholar's visit. These faculty and staff must endorse this proposal by signing in the specified area below.
3. Describe activities planned for the visit, including how the Scholar will interact with undergraduate and graduate students. Plan a four- to five-day visit and indicate individuals/groups who will be participating in the visit. Include in this description your plan for promoting the Scholar's Visit. To ensure adequate time to prepare for and enhance campus participation in the visit, it is preferable that visits do NOT take place too early or too late in the semester.
4. Describe the potential for developing future on-going relationships between URI and the candidate's home institution (e.g., faculty and student exchanges, collaboration on education and/or research programs, etc.).
5. Budget (include cost sharing of Colleges and Departments).

Signatures

Deans' Signatures:

Date

Department Chairs' Signatures:

Date

Endorsement by Participating Faculty and Staff

Date

**University of Rhode Island Distinguished International Visiting Scholars
2010-2016**

Year	Distinguished International Visiting Scholar	Hosted By:
Spring 2010	Bola Akanji, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Nigeria	Jody Lisberger, GWS
Fall 2010	John Blundell, Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds, United Kingdom	Kathleen Melanson, NFS
Fall 2010	Muhammad Choudhary, International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi, Pakistan	Navindra Seeram, BPS
Spring 2011	Oleksandr Kovriga, V.N. Karazin National University in Kharkiv, Ukraine	Nicolai Petro, PSC
Spring 2011	Mauro Carbone, Faculté de Philosophie de l'Université Jean-Moulin, Lyon, France	Galen Johnson, PHL
Fall 2011	Patrick Aebischer, President of Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland	Nasser Zawia, BPS and Graduate School
Fall 2011	Graham Young, the University of Pretoria, South Africa	William Green, LAR
Spring 2012	Kolbein Lyng, Department of Health Sciences at Molde University College, Norway	Phillip Clark, HDF
Fall 2012	Gu Kejian, Department of Trade Economics, Renmin University, China	Shaw Chen, BUS
Fall 2012	Friedrich Löhr, German Consulate General, New England	Sigrid Berka, IEP
Spring 2013	Dacia Maraini, Universitat degli Studi Roma Tre, Rome, Italy	Michelangelo La Luna, ITL
Spring 2013	Bo Barker Jørgensen, Center for Geomicrobiology, Aarhus University, Denmark	Steven D'Hondt, GSO
Fall 2013	Pasi Sahlberg, Centre for International Mobility and Cooperation (CIMO), Helsinki, Finland	Diane Kern, EDC
Spring 2014	Emma Stokes, Department of Physiotherapy, Trinity College in Dublin	Jennifer Audette, PT
Spring 2014	Irena Radic Rossi, Department of Archaeology and the Center for Interdisciplinary Marine and Maritime Research, University of Zadar, Croatia	Bridget Buxton, HIS
Fall 2014	Hamed El-Said, Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, United Kingdom	Katrin Jomaa, PSC
Fall 2014	Humberto Miranda, Institute of Philosophy, Cuba and Miguel Coyula, Group for the Comprehensive Development of Havana, Cuba	Richard McIntyre, ECN
Spring 2015	Joao Ferreira, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, New University of Lisbon, Portugal	Mercedes Hudec Rivero, CHE, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, FAVS, and David Bengtson, FAVS
Spring 2015	Luky Adrianto, Center for Coastal and Marine Resources, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia	Laura Meyerson, NRS
Fall 2015	Ulrich Hofmann, University Medical Center Freiberg, Freiberg, Germany	Kunal Mankodiya, BME
Spring 2016	Maurizio Seracini, Visiting Professor at School of Engineering at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia	Michelangelo La Luna, ITL
Spring 2016	Salvador Marin Hernandez, Professor of Financial Accounting, University of Murcia, Spain	Alejandro Hazera, BUS

Spring 2016	James Mittra, Senior Research Fellow in Science, Technology and Innovation Studies and Director of Graduate School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Scotland	Tracey Dalton, MAF
Fall 2016	Maria Elena Castellanos Gonzalez, University of Cienfuegos Center for Environmental Studies of Cienfuegos, Cuba	Anton Post, GSO Coastal Resources Center, Bay Campus
Fall 2016	Charles Anton Guerin, University of Toulon, Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography	Stephan Grilli, Ocean Engineering