



## **Distinguished Visiting International Scholars Program For Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 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 2018-2019 academic year. 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 four **international** scholars or scholar-practitioners at URI, preferably two in Fall 2018 and two in Spring 2019, 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 \$34,000 will be allocated to the program to support four Visiting Scholars for the 2018-2019 academic year. 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 the 2018-2019 academic year. 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 and Global Initiatives 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,<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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 Karen Sechio 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](mailto:officeofprovost@etal.uri.edu)) by **Monday, April 23, 2018** by 5:00 PM. Decisions will be made in early-mid May.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 2018-2019 Visits

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Name of Scholar \_\_\_\_\_

Scholar's Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Scholar's Home Country \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Semester and Tentative Dates for the Scholar's visit: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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Department Chairs' Signatures:

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Endorsement by Participating Faculty and Staff

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**University of Rhode Island Distinguished Visiting International Scholars  
2010-2018**

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Distinguished Visiting International Scholar</b>  | <b>Hosted By:</b>   |
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| 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   |

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| 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   | Charles Anton Guerin, University of Toulon, Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography  | Stephan Grilli, Ocean Engineering  |
| Spring 2017 | Maria Elena Castellanos Gonzalez, University of Cienfuegos Center for Environmental Studies of Cienfuegos, Cuba  | Anton Post, GSO Coastal Resources Center, Bay Campus                       |
| Spring 2017 | Francesco Bartolucci, Department of Economics, Finance, and Statistics, University of Perugia, Italy   | Prabhani Kuruppumullage Don, Department of Computer Science and Statistics |
| Fall 2017   | Dr. Craig Pritchard, School of Management, Massey University, New Zealand  | Douglas Creed, College of Business Administration                          |
| Spring 2018 | Dr. Adolf Ng, Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Canada   | Austin Becker, Department of Marine Affairs                                |