



Call for Proposals: Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Professorship A

The Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Program (IPGS) at the School of Global Studies at Oklahoma State University (OSU) invites proposals for **IPGS Professorship A for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.**

IPGS is a multi-disciplinary program that focuses on Iran and the Persian Gulf and seeks to leverage OSU faculty expertise towards developing knowledge about the region's intersecting economic, cultural, political, and ecological dimensions. Across its various initiatives, IPGS provides dedicated resources for the study of Iran and the Persian Gulf from a variety of disciplines and perspectives. At the heart of this effort are four endowed IPGS Professorships with the purpose of developing focused educational and/or research efforts, collaborations, and exchanges germane to the study of Iran and the Persian Gulf. Professorships are based in and are administered through the School of Global Studies.

Open to any tenured or tenure-track faculty member at Oklahoma State University, the IPGS Professorship is awarded on a three-year basis with the possibility of renewal dependent upon the progress of the award. The Professorship provides an annual research stipend at the OSU Foundation of approximately \$15,000 for program expenses, including travel associated with conducting research and/or with its dissemination.

Proposal Process

Faculty interested in consideration for the IPGS Professorship are invited to submit a **3-5 page proposal by April 30, 2023.** All proposals should articulate a well-developed plan for the development of curriculum; academic and research collaborations; student and/or faculty exchange; outreach; potential collaborations; and communication that facilitates greater understanding of Iran and its needs. Proposals must also include a tentative budget covering the three-year period of the award that reflects the key activities of the Professorship.

Eligible program expenses might include:

- Travel expenses for faculty member, students, or visiting scholars that support the efforts of the IPGS Professorship
- Research materials
- Hosting of conferences, seminars, or workshops that are focused on the area of research and the region (including technical, scientific, or other relevant areas).
- Visiting speakers
- Communication and outreach materials that support the IPGS project

- Support (salary and/or tuition benefits) for graduate or undergraduate research assistants that further the purposes of the Professorship

Faculty proposals should reflect and enhance OSU's land-grant status and impact. Faculty are particularly encouraged to submit proposals for research on broad topics that relate to Iran, while special consideration will be given to projects that contribute to addressing critical social, economic, physical, or cultural needs in the region. These might include areas such as biodiversity, natural ecosystems, food security, economic restructuring, trade, and other areas emphasized in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Criteria for Selection

Proposals will be considered by committee along the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the mission of IPGS
- Feasibility of the plan and budget
- Sustainability of the proposed programs and potential collaborations
- Impact of the proposal beyond the Professorship holder's individual research agenda
- Demonstrated ability of the faculty member to effectively administer the proposed project(s)
- The extent to which the proposal addresses issues of need in the region.

Additional information

- The final annual budget for the Professorship is dependent upon the availability of funds from the endowment held at the OSU Foundation. Budget will be made available to the holder of the Professorship each spring of the award term.
- Spendable funds do not have to be fully utilized each fiscal year and may be accumulated for additional expenses in a later year of the term. But the proposal should present reasonable expectations for the utilization of the annual funds, and all funds should be fully utilized by the end of the Professorship term.
- The proposal should reflect a realistic assessment of the feasibility of the plan given current OFAC regulations and relations between Iran and the United States.
- Professorship holders are expected to participate in ongoing IPGS programs (events, symposia, speakers, etc.) and to encourage participation by others.

Submission

Proposals must be submitted to IPGS Director Dr. Amy Malek **via email to ipgs@okstate.edu no later than 11:59pm on April 30, 2023**. The successful candidate for the professorship will be notified by May 15, 2023, and funding can be accessed beginning July 1, 2023.

Questions about the proposal should be directed to Dr. Amy Malek (amy.malek@okstate.edu).