

**Call for Proposals:  
Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Professorships**

Due to a generous gift from the Farzaneh Family Foundation, the School of Global Studies and Partnerships (SGSP) at Oklahoma State University has established the Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies Program (IPGS). This program seeks to contribute to the academic and research programming of Oklahoma State University by providing dedicated resources to the study of Iran from a variety of disciplines and perspectives. As part of this program, the SGSP offers four IPGS endowed professorships with the purpose of developing focused educational and/or research efforts, collaborations, and exchanges with the Iranian and Persian Gulf region. Any tenure or tenure-track faculty member at Oklahoma State University is eligible for one of the professorships, awarded on a three-year basis, with the possibility of renewal.

Faculty at OSU are invited to submit proposals for one of two IPGS Professorships that are eligible for funding beginning on July 1, 2020, on a competitive basis. Each professorship will be for a duration of three years, and is renewable dependent upon the progress of the award. This award, for three academic years and summers, provides an annual research stipend at the OSU Foundation of approximately \$15,000 for program expenses, including travel associated with the research and dissemination of research work. Faculty members are encouraged to submit for broad topics that relate to the region, while special consideration will be given to projects that contribute to addressing critical social, physical, or economic needs in the region (including areas such as biodiversity, natural ecosystems, food security, economic restructuring, and trade) and the academic programs offered by the School of Global Studies. Faculty from any academic college are eligible for the award, but the IPGS professorships are based in, and will be administered through, the School of Global Studies and Partnerships. 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

**Criteria for Selection:**

The IPGS professorship proposals should reflect and enhance OSU's land-grant status and impact, so proposals may come from any of the academic colleges of the university. All proposals should articulate a well-developed plan for the development of curriculum, academic and research collaborations, student and/or faculty exchange, outreach, and communication that facilitates understanding of Iran, its needs, and potential collaborations. Proposals should include a tentative budget over three years that reflects the key activities of the professorship.

Preference will be given to proposals that include well-developed plans for the creation of course offerings, in any field, that address issues of human need within the region, within the professor's home department, or for possible courses to be offered within the Master's program in Global Studies. Other criteria include:

- Feasibility of the plan and budget.
- Relevance of the proposal to the nation of Iran and Persian Gulf region.
- Sustainability of the proposed programs and collaborations.
- The extent to which the plan contributes to institutional partnerships in the region.
- The likely impact of the proposal beyond the professorship holder's own personal research agenda.
- Demonstrated ability of the faculty member to effectively administer the proposal.
- The extent to which the proposal addresses issues of human and social need in the region.

**Additional information:**

- The final annual budget for the professorship is dependent upon the funds available from the endowment held at the OSU foundation, and should be available before July 1 of each year.
- Spendable funds do not all need to be fully utilized each year, and can be accumulated for additional expenses in a later year of the term, but the plan should provide reasonable expectations for the utilization of the annual funds.
- The proposal should reflect a realistic awareness of the current potential of execution of the plan, given the political tensions between the US and Iran.
- Professorship holders are expected to participate in as many ongoing IPGS programs as possible (seminars, speakers, etc.) and to encourage participation by others.

**Due Date for Proposals**

Faculty members who are interested in being considered for one of these IPGS Professorships are invited to submit a three to five-page proposal by February 17, 2020. The designate for the professorship will be notified by April 1, 2020, and funding can be accessed beginning July 1, 2020.

Proposals should be sent by email to Dr. Jami Fullerton, Director of Academic Programs in the School of Global Studies, at [jami.fullerton@okstate.edu](mailto:jami.fullerton@okstate.edu) by 5 pm on February 17, using the subject line IPGS professor proposal. Paper submissions are also acceptable, and should arrive by February 17. Paper submissions should be sent to SGSP, 107 Wes Watkins Center.

Questions about the proposal should be directed to Jami Fullerton ([jami.fullerton@okstate.edu](mailto:jami.fullerton@okstate.edu)).