OVERVIEW

The International Faculty Partnership Seminars sponsored by the California State University through the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) are designed to provide international experiences for faculty of diverse disciplines from all CSU campuses. The mission of the CSU International Programs (CSU IP), a system-wide unit operating from within the CSU Chancellor's Office in Long Beach, is to develop intercultural communication skills and international understanding among CSU students and faculty. In order to increase opportunities for faculty, CSU IP has launched a series of seminars in collaboration with partners abroad, including a seminar at the University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana in Summer 2018. Planning is already underway for a seminar in Tübingen, Germany in 2020. Seminar themes are broadly based and comparative in nature.

In an increasingly polarized global community, we look toward dialogues of interconnectedness that allow us to examine issues and explore possible solutions. France and California share similar challenges of migration, managing diversity, climate change, sustainable energy, cultural identities, and an evolving marketplace.

This conference will focus on interdisciplinary dialogues that address the above issues. To frame our discussions, the seminar will be structured along six tracks encompassing a wide range of disciplines. All sessions will include presenters from both California State Universities and MICEFA Member Universities (Paris and its region).

The seminar will be comprised of the following six tracks:

- France-US Relations in Historical Perspectives and Current Developments
- Literature, Art, and Humanities: Cultural Legacies and Trends
- Migration, Multiculturalism, and Gender Politics
- Media, Democracy and the Representation of Individual Realities
- Climate Change, Energy, and Sustainability
- The Evolving Marketplace

Through participation in an International Faculty Partnership Seminar, CSU faculty will:

- Have an opportunity to explore the theme with colleagues in their own and related disciplines;
- Learn more about international opportunities available through CSU IP for themselves and their students;
Establish professional connections and contacts with colleagues from the host institution;
Familiarize themselves with international partner institutions.

SEMINAR COSTS

As seminar hosts, CSU IP and MICEFA, will cover the cost of on-site lodging and most meals.

CSU IP will contribute $1000 to the cost of airfare. Campuses may also support part of international travel for CSU participants. The Office of International Programs will inform the appropriate campus officials of participants’ selection.

Other incidental expenses and additional travel will be the responsibility of the participant.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Faculty members from all CSU campuses and all disciplines are encouraged to participate. Applicants must hold a full-time tenured or tenure track appointment at a CSU campus. Faculty members who will be participating in the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) on or before July 1, 2019 are not eligible for selection. Applicants are only allowed to participate in a CSU IP faculty seminar once every five years.

When describing their involvement in international programs, applicants must make a clear distinction between CSU IP and private or faculty-led study abroad programs.

Selection of CSU participants will be the responsibility of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the ACIP. Approximately 20 faculty members will be selected to participate. The Committee will seek a broad distribution of disciplines and participation from across campuses.

Presentation Applicants:
Those applying in the “presentation” pathway should submit a presentation abstract (500 words) that is relevant to one of the tracks identified in the seminar announcement.

Participation Applicants:
Those applying in the “participation” pathway are expected to show how participation in the seminar will directly impact their work on campus as a teacher and faculty member.

The application deadline is December 1, 2018.
The Seminar Selection Committee will meet during February and selection decisions will be announced by March 1, 2019.

The online application will require the following information:

- Current two-page curriculum vitae (CV)
- A 300-word statement addressing each of the following:
  - How does your professional experience relate to one or more of the Paris symposium tracks?
  - How will your participation enhance your professional expertise?
  - How will the seminar contribute to your teaching effectiveness and professional development?
  - Describe your recent involvement in international programs (e.g., faculty-led programs, exchange programs, CSU IP).
  - Provide a concrete plan as to how you will promote CSU IP upon your return.
- Letter of support from a colleague addressing two or more of the following:
  - Possible connections of your research or creative activities to the conference theme
  - Your effectiveness in disseminating previous professional development activities on your campus
  - Your demonstrated commitment to the system-wide CSU International Programs
  - Sources of campus funding or support for your participation in the seminar
- Approval from the Dean of your College

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