



## Oregon/Baden-Württemberg State Exchange

### Faculty Mobility Grant

#### **Purpose:**

The State of Oregon and the German state of Baden-Württemberg have maintained a reciprocal exchange agreement since 1968, facilitating the international mobility of more than two thousand students for academic exchange. The vast majority of participants are undergraduate students, but the agreement also allows for academic exchange for graduate students and faculty and staff collaboration.

In order to strengthen the relationships between the partner academic institutions, to broaden the program capacity in serving the academic needs of enrolled students, and to engage a larger number of faculty and staff members, **funds are now available to facilitate networking and project collaboration** between academic and professional faculty of both states.

**Grants will be awarded** to Oregon and Baden-Württemberg academic faculty and university employees with a position relevant to the goals of the exchange program in order to facilitate a visit to a partner institution in the partner state. Academic and professional faculty should identify a particular university connection, project, or opportunity to explore during their visit. Support will be offered to establish appropriate university connections or identify possible project collaborators.

**Participating institutions in Oregon include:** Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Willamette University, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University.

**Participating institutions in Baden-Württemberg include:** University of Freiburg, Heidelberg University, University of Hohenheim, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, University of Konstanz, University of Mannheim, University of Stuttgart, University of Tübingen, Ulm University, Freiburg University of Education, Ludwigsburg University of Education, Stuttgart Media University of Applied Sciences, Stuttgart State Academy of Art and Design (ABK Stuttgart), State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart, University of Music Trossingen.

#### **Funding and Administration Organizations:**

This Faculty Mobility Grant is funded by the **State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg Sciences, Research and Arts** only with the intention of strengthening the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg partnership.

**IE3 Global**, based at Oregon State University, is responsible for the program administration, student support, and partnership network for the exchange program in the State of Oregon.

**The Oregon Study Center Germany**, based at the University of Tübingen, is responsible for the program administration, student support, and partnership network for the program in Baden-Württemberg.

### **Proposal Criteria:**

Interested parties should identify a network opportunity or project and submit a proposal to IE3 Global (for Oregon applicants) or the Oregon Study Center in Germany (for Baden-Württemberg applicants). Acceptable opportunities or projections may include: joint presentations or seminars in shared areas of academic expertise; collaboration in research or other projects; exploration of curriculum integration or facilitation of the academic exchange for students; any other event, collaboration, or connection that would advance the goals of the academic or professional faculty member's department and the purpose of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program.

For academic faculty and university employees who wish to participate but do not already have an established connection or at a partner university in Baden-Württemberg or Oregon are still encouraged to apply and will have the opportunity to request assistance in identifying appropriate contacts at partner institutions.

Candidates should submit a CV, brief statement of support from their supervisor or department, and a proposal document. The proposal should explicitly address the proposal criteria, candidate criteria, and grant purpose as described in this document. Proposal documents should not exceed 3 pages.

### **Funding Details:**

Because of the broad purpose and scope of this grant, each proposal will be individually evaluated regarding funding opportunities and awards.

Grants will cover the cost of roundtrip airfare between Oregon and Baden-Württemberg not exceeding 1,350 EUR and will include a daily stipend of 135 EUR, for up to 7 days.

For participants from Oregon: Flights are to be booked in accordance with IE3 Global and Oregon State University's Travel Policy and Travel Management Company partner.

For participants from Baden-Württemberg: Flights are to be booked in accordance with the regulations of the Baden-Württemberg business travel law (Landesreisekostengesetz) and with the regulations of the sending university, respectively.

### **Candidate Criteria:**

Eligible candidates include professors, instructors, administrators, or advisors representing an academic department at any of the participating universities in Oregon and Baden-Württemberg. Graduate Teaching Assistants and similar student positions are not eligible.

Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate a commitment to higher education in Oregon and Baden-Württemberg and are in a position to advance the purpose and goals of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program within their department or institution, and have an evident ability and desire to support and encourage student participation in the exchange program – particularly in underserved academic areas or diverse student populations. Successful candidates will also have the support of their academic department and their institution’s International Programs Office.

### **Timing:**

Due to the nature of the funding used for this grant, travel plans and expenditures must be finalized before the end of calendar year 2023. The approved travel to Baden-Württemberg or to Oregon can take place any time through the spring of 2024 in coordination with the Oregon Study Center Germany or IE3 Global.

### **Note regarding COVID-19 and travel restrictions:**

It is unclear what entry and quarantine requirements will be in place at the time of travel. Therefore, arrangements and financial support for related requirements have not yet been determined. The grant administrators will work with awardees once travel dates finalized and possible restrictions are known.

### **Terms of Award:**

Receiving the Faculty Mobility Grant commits awardees to the following:

- Meeting with Oregon Study Center and IE3 Global representatives before travel and learning about the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg Partnership.
- Meeting with Oregon/Baden-Württemberg program staff in person (Program Resident Directors and IE3 Global)
- Working with the partner university in Oregon or Baden-Württemberg for travel, project logistics, planning, and (eventual) implementation.
- Submitting a summary after travel noting identified benefits of the connection or project, opportunities and action items for future program development, as well as possible barriers to future collaboration or student participation.
- Submit proposal for further development and collaboration with project counterpart in Oregon or Baden-Württemberg, including proposed reciprocal funding possibilities.

### **Submission Details:**

In order to ensure full consideration, proposals should be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Proposals will be accepted and considered until all funds are awarded or funds are otherwise no longer available. Please submit your proposal in .pdf format via email.

For applicants from Oregon: Send your proposal to [Jandi.Sorbo@ie3global.org](mailto:Jandi.Sorbo@ie3global.org) at IE3 Global in Oregon.

For applicants from Baden-Württemberg: Send your proposal to [Sarah.Taylor@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:Sarah.Taylor@uni-tuebingen.de) & [Kerstin.McGaughey@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:Kerstin.McGaughey@uni-tuebingen.de) at the Oregon Study Center in Germany.