



Baden-Württemberg/Oregon 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 collaboration.

In order to maintain and strengthen the relationships over the period of the pandemic 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 members, **funds are temporarily available to facilitate networking and project collaboration** between faculty of both states.

Grants will be awarded for Oregon faculty members to visit a partner institution in Baden-Württemberg. Oregon Faculty should identify a particular university connection, project, or opportunity to explore during their visit to Baden-Württemberg. 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, State Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart, State University of Music and Performing Arts Stuttgart, Stuttgart Media University, Ludwigsburg University of Education, and the University of Music Trossingen.

Funding and Administration Organizations:

This Faculty Mobility Grant is created by funds from the **State Ministry of Baden-Württemberg of Sciences, Research and Arts** with the intention of strengthening the Baden-Württemberg/Oregon 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 from Oregon should identify a network opportunity or project and submit a proposal to IE3 Global. Acceptable opportunities or projects 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 faculty members' department and the purpose of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program.

Oregon faculty members who wish to participate but do not already have an established connection or at a partner university in Baden-Württemberg are still encouraged to apply and will have the opportunity to request assistance in identifying appropriate contacts at partner institutions. Please email Jandi.Sorbo@ie3global.org to begin exploring options.

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. It is anticipated that grants will cover the cost of roundtrip airfare from Oregon to Baden-Württemberg not exceeding 1,500 USD and will include a daily stipend of 150 USD, for up to 7 days.

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

Candidate Criteria:

Eligible candidates include professors, instructors, administrators, or advisors representing an academic department at any of the participating universities in Oregon. 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, 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 2021. The approved travel to Baden-Württemberg can take place any time through the spring of 2022.

Note regarding COVID-19 and travel restrictions:

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

Terms of Award:

Receiving the Oregon Faculty Mobility Grant commits awardees to the following:

- Meeting with Oregon Study Center and IE3 Global representatives before travel and learning about the Baden-Württemberg Partnership.
- Meeting with Oregon Study Center staff (Program Resident Director) while in Baden-Württemberg.
- Working with grant administrators and the partner university in Baden-Württemberg for travel, project logistics, planning, and (eventual) implementation.
- Submitting a short, informal 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.

Applicants may have the opportunity to submit a proposal for further development and collaboration with project counterpart in Baden-Württemberg, including proposed reciprocal funding possibilities.

Submission Details:

In order to ensure full consideration, proposals should be submitted by May 31st, 2021. 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 to: Jandi.Sorbo@ie3global.org. Submission should include 3 documents, as described in the "Proposal Criteria" section above:

- CV
- Statement of Support from supervisor/department
- Project Proposal (3 pages or less)