



## Penn Global Research & Engagement Grant Program

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*\*Applicants must check our [website](#) at the time they choose to apply to ensure they have the most up-to-date information regarding our grant program.*

### Grant Program Priorities

As part of its mission to promote global engagement in all its forms between the University of Pennsylvania community and the wider world, Penn Global administers a competitive global engagement grant program that provides resources to help faculty and staff to undertake a range of research, teaching, service, and other activities both in specific focus countries and regions and around the world.

The grant program consists of four research and engagement funds, through which Penn Global strives to:

1. Develop new insights on key questions, issues, and challenges facing focus countries, regions, and the world at large and position Penn to contribute knowledge that helps to address and respond to them;
2. Promote collaboration and the integration of knowledge across Penn Schools and disciplines; and
3. Strengthen equitable partnerships, promote intellectual exchange, and foster the co-production of knowledge and ideas between Penn and foreign partner scholars, organizations, and institutions.

### Fund-Specific Priorities

In addition, each fund maintains its own set of priorities. We encourage you to explore the funds and learn how you can partner with Penn Global to expand your research and teaching impact:

- **Global Engagement Fund (GEF)**: seeds creative, faculty-driven Projects that will catalyze entrepreneurial research or initiatives in a global context and position Penn as a leader of global research and intellectual innovation.
- **China Research and Engagement Fund (CREF)**: catalyzes and supports Projects and initiatives that advance the interdisciplinary study, teaching, and engagement of China and position Penn as a key source of knowledge and ideas on China-related issues, topics, and challenges. CREF also strengthens relationships between the Penn Wharton China Center in Beijing (PWCC) and Penn's Philadelphia campus community.

- **India Research and Engagement Fund (IREF)**: catalyzes and supports Projects and initiatives that advance the interdisciplinary study, teaching, and engagement of India and position Penn as a key source of knowledge and ideas on India-related issues, topics, and challenges. IREF also strengthens relationships between the University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India in New Delhi (UPIASI) and Penn's Philadelphia campus community.
- **Holman Africa Research and Engagement Fund (HAREF)**: provides financial support to outstanding faculty research projects from across the University and academic disciplines that 1) are posed to generate new and critical insights on key debates in Africa, specifically sub-Saharan Africa; 2) makes significant contributions to fields of study and increases Penn's substantive visibility among peers in Africa and around the world; 3) supports new and enhances existing educational and curricular programs across campus that focus on the study and understanding of Africa; 4) identifies synergies between projects that can be brought together under unified faculty leadership to enhance research or educational initiatives and yield greater impact; and 5) strengthens existing, institutional, and faculty-to-faculty relationships with African partners. Special consideration will be given to projects that focus on sub-Saharan Africa, especially the Democratic Republic of the Congo.