



Rhodes College

BUCKMAN CENTER FOR
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Call for Proposals: Buckman International Curricular Development Grants

Proposal Deadline: January 15, 2026 | Send proposals to hillise@rhodes.edu

The Buckman International Curricular Development Grants enable faculty members to travel internationally in pursuit of new and innovative approaches in education abroad and internationalization. The awards are up to \$5,000 each and cover expenses such as air travel, visas, meals, housing, immunizations, entrances to points of interest, and other items necessary for site familiarization, research, collaboration with local partners, and more.

Project Range:

Proposals may include, but are not limited to, the following types of projects:

- Creating a new international program (summer or semester)
- Creating a new course with significant attention to areas of study outside the US
- Investigating potential linkages between departmental courses and the UN Sustainable Development Goals or similar frameworks/systems
- Updating an existing course or international summer program to:
 - Incorporate/expand substantial global content and voices
 - Explore the intersection(s) of communities with pressing social or world issues (such as justice, security, equity, censorship, climate change, etc.)

The Proposal:

- Proposals should clearly indicate the rationale and the anticipated outcome, particularly its impact on students and the Rhodes curriculum.
- Include a specific description of the activities to be undertaken.
- Include a brief budget for proposed expenses. Please note: this grant is dispersed on a reimbursement basis for reasonable costs and does not include a stipend.
- Most proposals will involve overseas travel.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Director of the Buckman Center for Global Engagement, then forwarded to the Educational Program Committee. The EPC will make award recommendations to the Provost. In addition to their feasibility, proposals will be evaluated on their likely impact on the curriculum and students.

Eligibility:

Tenured, tenure-track (after a successful 4th year review), and multiple-year contract faculty members are eligible to apply. Faculty members who are supported by other sources/grants or external funds at the College during the same period should indicate how the different grants relate to each other and how the projects will be executed over the summer. A faculty member will normally not be awarded grants in consecutive years.

Grant Outcomes:

Recipients will provide a final report on the grant, including a narrative of activities, a list of expenditures, and a new or revised course syllabus (if applicable) by October 15. Reports should be sent to hillise@rhodes.edu; they will be shared with the Educational Program Committee.

Additionally, recipients will share a brief campus presentation on their grant activities and outcomes during the fall semester. The purpose of the presentation is to raise awareness of the Buckman International Curricular Development Grants and to inspire others to submit proposals of their own. These presentations take place in conjunction with the Hill, MSS, and FDE grants.

Faculty creating a new international program will be added to the Study Abroad and Away Canvas guide; this guide provides program development timelines, policies for leaders and students, faculty committee forms, and answers to common questions. All faculty have a standing invitation to meet with the Executive Director at any time.