

## **REQUEST FOR FUNDING OCT 2009-SEPT 2010**

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENT**

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GW-CIBER invites proposals from **full-time Faculty** and **Doctoral students** from across all schools and units at GW for research, teaching and/or outreach relevant to the theme and focal areas listed below.

**The deadline for submission is 5:00pm on March 16, 2009.**

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#### **Relevance to GW-CIBER**

Support under this open call is targeted at high-quality proposals for research, teaching and/or outreach activities relevant to GW-CIBER's theme of "***Institutions & Development***" in each of the following focal areas (*name and contact info of each focal area Faculty Coordinator are also provided*):

- **Diasporas in Development** (Jennifer Brinkerhoff, *Public Administration*, [jbrink@gwu.edu](mailto:jbrink@gwu.edu))
- **Global Governance** (Stephen Smith, *Economics*, [ssmith@gwu.edu](mailto:ssmith@gwu.edu); Susan Sell, *Political Science*, [sellskgw@gwu.edu](mailto:sellskgw@gwu.edu))
- **International Security and Crisis Management / Homeland Security** (Robert Weiner, *International Business*, [rweiner@gwu.edu](mailto:rweiner@gwu.edu))
- **Trade, Investment and Labor in Developing Countries** (Michael Moore, *Economics*, [mom@gwu.edu](mailto:mom@gwu.edu))
- **Business and Society in Critical Countries** (Liesl Riddle, *International Business*, [lriddle@gwu.edu](mailto:lriddle@gwu.edu))
- **Critical/Less Commonly Taught Languages** (Margaret Gonglewski, *Romance and Slavic Languages*, [margaret@gwu.edu](mailto:margaret@gwu.edu))

A full description of each of the areas can be found in the ***Executive Summary*** of the GW CIBER Program of Work, accessible via the **RFP Documents** link at <http://www.business.gwu/CIBER>

Each proposal submitted should at a minimum relate to one or more of these "***Institutions & Development***" sub-themes and make a case for a substantive link to U.S. competitiveness. For general questions about the GW-CIBER, please contact Jennifer Spencer, GW-CIBER Director at (202) 994-9858. For questions specific to the substance of each of the focal areas, please contact the associated Faculty Coordinator (see above).

## **Funded Activities**

The following are examples of activities that may be considered for funding. *Proposals that incorporate a range of activities (including research, teaching and outreach components) and reach a range of stakeholders (students, staff, faculty, alumni at GW; other universities; K-12 education; businesses; policy makers; NGOs/civil society; international organizations; research institutes, government agencies, etc.) are particularly welcome.*

- ✚ **Research**, which could involve scholarly and/or outreach outputs (i.e. journal article, policy brief, white paper).
- ✚ **Conference/Workshop hosting** at GW for scholarly, educational and/or outreach purposes.
- ✚ **Course and Course Materials Development.** Priority is given to proposals seeking funding for Writing-in-the-Disciplines and Fieldwork courses.
- ✚ **Publication and Dissemination Activities**, which might include video conferencing, archiving, text or web-based materials production, other vehicles for disseminating information to our stakeholder audiences.

The following are examples of support that may be considered for funding:

- Summer Salary
- Research Assistantship
- Course Buyout
- Data & Software Acquisition
- Materials Procurement
- Travel Support for Fieldwork

## **Funding Selection Criteria and Guidelines**

*Review Process:* To propose a project for funding under the GW-CIBER, visit our website at <http://www.business.gwu.edu/CIBER> and click on the RFP Documents link to download our application. Only completed forms will be considered for funding. Individuals can submit more than one proposal, but each proposal must be submitted separately. There is no maximum amount of funding that any individual can apply for; proposers are encouraged to view funding decisions from the previous rounds in determining their requested funding (also available via the RFP Documents link on our website). Proposals addressing multiple activity areas will likely be provided greater support than those addressing fewer areas.

*Funding Reviewers and Criteria:* The proposals for funding will be reviewed by a team of GW-CIBER faculty coordinators, and scored according to the funding points allocation described in the following table.

Funding Criterion	Point Allocation
<b>Project Quality</b> , including fit with CIBER Program <i>US Competitiveness</i> mandate; GW-CIBER <i>Institutions and Development</i> umbrella theme; and Focal Theme Areas.	50
<b>Project Outcomes</b> , which can be <i>teaching-related</i> (e.g., course syllabi, course modules, cases, videotaped interviews or presentations to be used in class, etc.), <i>research-related</i> (e.g., conference or journal submissions, databases created, academic workshops or seminars, etc.), or <i>outreach-related</i> (e.g., workshops or training seminars for business or policy community, white papers summarizing academic research for practitioners, etc.).	30
<b>Project Feasibility</b> , which considers the feasibility of implementation, including the match between outcomes and time and resources needed to achieve them, and the feasibility of execution, including the capability of the PI to undertake project and deliver outcomes.	20

*Funding Period:* Funding for projects accepted under this open call will be made available beginning in October, 2009 through September, 2010.

*Feedback:* All proposals will receive feedback based upon this review. Proposals that are funded will be subject to both interim and final project reporting requirements of the GW Office of Sponsored Research along with those of the Funder (US Department of Education) and those required by the GW-CIBER to track our programming efficacy over time.

*External/Sustaining Funding Sources:* We recognize that GW-CIBER funding may be inadequate to fund all good proposals in their entirety. We encourage proposers to use GW-CIBER funding to augment other funding for projects wherever possible. The GW-CIBER staff will work closely with Advancement Office staff at GW to secure additional funding related to on-going programming and activities. Priority will be given to proposals that have identified viable external/sustaining funding sources and that include specific plans for addressing on-going financial support for activities related to the proposal.

*Expected Role of Award Recipients:* Those funded by the GW-CIBER are expected to collaborate with other related GW-CIBER projects and activities whenever possible. This collaboration will help create and sustain critical activities that are important to *Center-wide objectives*: Such undertakings include establishing a critical mass of research and education in specific GW-CIBER-related fields and outreach to key constituencies within and outside the University. The terms of such collaboration will be jointly determined by the GW-CIBER staff and the awardee(s) of funding prior to final award acceptance by the awardee(s). *This collaboration expectation is intended to meaningfully integrate and build upon funded activities by leveraging the unique strengths and contributions of each funded project without unduly burdening those proposing the original activities.*