Summer 2021 Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program (TCCSP)

Request for Applications Questions and Answers

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Question: Is there an anticipated number of students each college will host?
Answer: For the application, we would like to know from the college's perspective what would work best in terms of capacity for supporting students. There are two participants interested in studying Applied Engineering and three interested in Information Technology, so it would be helpful for the application to reflect whether the college would be able to support one of those groups over another or have capacity to host both.

Question: Are there any mentions that will make this funding "federal grant money" (or considered a federal based grant)?
Answer: This initiative is under a Federal Award and implementation of the subaward program is implemented according to Uniform Guidance required for Federal Awards.

AWARD INFORMATION

Question: Does the host institution determine the duration between 6 to 8 weeks?
Answer: For the application, we would like to know from the college's perspective what would work best in terms of the program duration within the 6-8 week framework.

Question: After the program concludes, are the students returning to Tunisia or moving to a TJSP host institution?
Answer: Participants will be required to return to Tunisia after completion of the summer 2021 program at their U.S. host institution.

Question: What areas within Applied Engineering and Information Technology are the participants interested in studying during their program?
Answer: The specializations or focus areas of most interest to the anticipated participants are:
- Applied Engineering
    - *Participant 1:* Mechanical Design Technology / Mechanical Engineering / Mechanical CAD Drafting
    - *Participant 2:* Mechanical Engineering
- Information Technology
    - *Participant 1:* Game Development / Web Development / App Development
    - *Participant 2:* Computer Science Engineering / Web Development / UI UX Design
    - *Participant 3:* Android Mobile Development / Cinematography / Artificial Intelligence

Question: Will the participants be allowed to enroll in online coursework?
Answer: Amid COVID-19, we understand the feasibility of in-person academic activities may differ

between institutions, given the unique circumstances on their campus and in their community. The safety and wellness of the participants and our partners is our top priority, and IREX will follow all federal guidelines regarding COVID-19. With this in mind, there is a strong preference for participants to take part in the academic component of the program through in-person activities. Options for in-person activities may include using a bigger classroom or hall space to accommodate proper social distancing, or holding classes outdoors when possible. We will work closely with the host institution(s) where participants are placed to understand the institution's current policies and work together throughout the program to ensure the policies are being followed.

HOST PARTNER NARRATIVE GUIDANCE

Question: Will we need to bring participants to set up a bank account during their program?
Answer: For the purpose of the host partner application, it may be helpful to indicate whether your institution is able to provide this type of support. IREX is committed to working closely with the selected partner institution(s) to work to implement the program.

BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE GUIDANCE

Question: Should my institution's budget include costs we anticipate for cultural engagement activities?
Answer: Yes. All costs the college would incur to implement the program should be included in the budget and budget narrative. Please outline how each line item is calculated with a comprehensive, detailed budget and budget narrative demonstrating how costs were derived. IREX encourages applicants to refer to the budget template provided as part of the RFA materials. The budget narrative should explain the budget and clearly detail requirements, parameters, or other information that illuminates the figures used in the budget.

Question: If an adjunct faculty member were to support the academic program component my institution is proposing, should this cost be included in our budget?
Answer: Yes. As with the question and answer above, all costs the college would incur to implement the program should be included in the budget and budget narrative. Please outline how each line item is calculated with a comprehensive, detailed budget and budget narrative demonstrating how costs were derived. IREX encourages applicants to refer to the budget template provided as part of the RFA materials. The budget narrative should explain the budget and clearly detail requirements, parameters, or other information that illuminates the figures used in the budget.