

Ohio University-Gopikabai Sitaram Gawande College Partnership Support Program
Request for Proposals
Academic Year: 2014-2015
Proposal Receipt Deadline: April 13, 12:00 PM (noon) EDT

Background

The Gopikabai Sitaram Gawande (GSG) College is a rural academic institution located in the town of Umarked in the Yavatmal District, a rural and underserved region of Maharashtra, India. The College is located near the natal village of Dr. Atmaram Gawande. Since 1985 Drs. Sushila and Atmaram Gawande, longtime active community members and physicians in Athens, Ohio have supported GSG college through funding and service, often enlisting the help of friends, family, and civic organizations in the United States and India. In recognition of the Gawande family's support, the College was renamed in honor of Dr. Atmaram Gawande's mother. Following Dr. Atmaram Gawande's death in 2011, his family established a fund through Ohio University to support a partnership between the two universities. The partnership between Ohio University (OU) and GSG College was officially initiated to in 2012 on the occasion of Dr. Ram Gawande's birthday celebration on the GSG College campus. Funds to support the partnership are made available through the GSG College Support Fund, established by the Gawande family to honor Dr. Atmaram Gawande. Oversight for the Fund is provided through the Center for International Studies.

Purpose and Aims

Awards of up to \$4000.00 per applicant will be considered for each annual cycle of funding.

The aims of the fund are to support faculty, staff or graduate student, projects that:

- Help build research and/or teaching capacity of Gawande College faculty members
- Enhance infrastructure to support education, research, teaching/learning, career development, and community service
- Ensure mutual learning, research, and service in content areas relevant to GSG faculty and students and to the local communities near GSG
- Enhance development of Gawande College as an educational institution
- Enhance awareness of India and of GSG at Ohio University

Successful applicants will travel to GSG College to carry out their proposed projects. The duration of the on-campus stay at the GSG College is not dictated by the award; rather, it should fit the nature of the project proposed.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold a current full-time teaching, research, or administrative position or must have full-time status as a graduate student in good standing at Ohio University.

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Proposals may include:

- A) Specific service and teaching projects proposed to support the partnership, and
- B) Specific scholarly projects.

To best tailor project design, applicants are encouraged to learn about GSG College and its needs. The following materials may be especially helpful:

- [The GSG College web site](#)
- [The GSG College Needs Assessment Report](#) developed by Sumeeta Gawande, daughter of Dr. Atmaram Gawande and Vice President of the Student Education and Support Association for GSG College.

Pre-travel Preparation:

Implementers of the winning proposal are advised that the following may be required:

- Basic introduction to GSG's history and current needs
- Basic cultural and communication interaction orientation
- Immunizations

Procurement of any required travel documentation (e.g., visa or passport) is the responsibility of the applicant.

Proposal Contents

Applicants are to include each of the following items, in the order provided, using the stated enumerated headings in body of the proposal document. Proposals are to be in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced, with all four margins of .75 inches

1. Cover page

- a. Name of applicant
- b. Ohio University academic unit(s) in which the applicant is employed
- c. Academic, administrative, or faculty position of full-time graduate student status at Ohio University
- d. Projected dates of travel to India
- e. Projected dates of stay at GSG College
- f. Statement of the applicant:

If awarded funds through the GSG Partnership Support Program I agree to fulfill my commitment to the purpose of the program, including assisting in building a sustainable partnership between Ohio University and GSG College. I also agree to provide a written report of my accomplishments within 60 days of my departure from GSG College.

- g. Signature of the applicant
- h. Date

2. Introduction to the applicant (required, no more than one page)

Provide relevant academic and personal background information about yourself and why you wish to participate in the OU-GSG College Partnership

3. Partnership project Description (required, no more than 3 pages)

Describe specifically what you propose to do to enhance GSG College and the OU-GSG partnership. Address how your project meets the aims listed above, outline specific goals, and describe how outcomes of your project will be quantified and/or qualified. If you know of specific partners at GSG with whom you wish to collaborate on the project, please describe their roles. If you would need assistance with seeking partners or additional information at GSG to assist you with the project, please describe the information you require. For any project involving video, audio recording, and/or photography must address a participant consent process.

4. Scholarly project description (optional, no more than 2 pages)

Describe a specific scholarly project to be carried out at GSG College. Describe its relevance to the OU-GSG partnership. If you know of specific partners at GSG with whom you wish to collaborate in a scholarly project, please describe their roles. If you would need assistance with seeking partners or additional information at GSG to assist you with the scholarly project, please describe the information you require. All projects including human participants for research must be approved through both OU and GSG IRB processes. If IRB approval has not been obtained, please describe your plan for obtaining IRB approval.

5. **Sustainability plan** (required, no more than 1 page)

6. **Plan for knowledge dissemination** (required, no more than on-half page)

Summarize how knowledge gained from your project and experience will be disseminated to the OU and GSG communities, and through any local, national, international conferences, forums, and publications.

7. **Special needs and requirements** (optional, no more than one page)

State clearly any needs for travel assistance, interpreting, or other resources while staying at the GSG College.

8. **Budget and budget justification**

Using the attached budget table, provide projected costs, cost details and justification, the source and amount of any other funds available to support the proposed expenses, and the total amount requested. Note that transportation to and from the Nagpur airport and per diem lodging and meals while visiting the GSG College campus are pre-arranged through GSG College. These will be part of the budget developed. Corresponding amounts are provided in the budget template below. The total amount requested through the Partnership Fund should not exceed \$4,000.

Proposal submission

Proposals are to be sent as a single pdf or Microsoft Word file by email to Marian Carr (carrm@ohio.edu) by Monday, April 13, 12:00 PM (noon) EDT.

Evaluation and Selection

The evaluation and selection process will be carried out by the OU-GSG College Partnership Committee. Any Committee member who has a proposal under review or for whom any potential conflict of interest is identified must recuse himself or herself from the part of the review process involving any proposal(s) for which a potential conflict is identified. The Committee provides its input to the Vice Provost for Global Affairs, who assists in determining proposals to be awarded based on available funds. Awarded proposals may be shared with leaders at GSG and may be modified based on feedback prior to travel.

The following will be required for each proposal to be reviewed:

- Applicant meets eligibility criteria
- Proposal includes each of the enumerated headings and corresponding required contents
- Proposal formatting meets stated requirements
- Proposal contents meet page limitations for each section
- Submitted by the proposal deadline

Proposals not meeting all of the above criteria will not be reviewed.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

1. Relevance of the applicant's experience and expertise to GSG College needs
2. Relevance of experience and expertise of the applicant to the project(s) proposed
3. Relevance of the project(s) proposal to GSG College needs and stated aims of the fund
4. Clarity of stated goals and feasibility of meeting them in the timeframe proposed
5. Feasibility of meeting applicant's stated special needs and requirements
6. Strength of knowledge dissemination plan
7. Strength of substantiation that the project will leading to sustainability of project outcomes
8. Clear itemization and justification of budget items

Budget Table

	Details/justification	Amount requested
Meals during travel		
Guesthouse lodging and meals while at GSG College	\$26.00 per person per day, to be arranged through GSG College if awarded	
Additional lodging		
Additional meals		
Ground transportation to and from Columbus or other US airport (Please provide details)		
Roundtrip airfare to India and from arrival city to Nagpur airport, India		
Ground transportation from Nagpur Airport to GSG College	\$120 each way, to be arranged through GSG College if awarded	
Emergency travel insurance (to be issued through OU)		
Other costs associated with the proposed project (please specify). Include any ground transportation requirements during the visit.		
Total required:		
Total provided from other sources:		
Total requested from Partnership Support Program funds:		