

Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC)

Connecting globally while grounded at home

Call for Proposals

Projects to take place from Aug 2022 to June 2023

Deadline for applications: May 28, 2022

The Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC) invites scholars to submit collaborative projects across disciplines, institutions, and universities that address a need in our global and local communities. *This call aims to address topics with a global connection while being grounded locally.* Scholars and practitioners may examine a local and global problem in the form of research, workshop, forum, training program or suggest another approach by collaborating with an organization in Atlanta or a population group that has a global dimension. AGREC seeks to build and strengthen collaborative networks of multi-institutional scholars and practitioners to support global research and education initiatives in the Greater Atlanta region. Housed within the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), the AGREC initiative is comprised of six universities including Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Agnes Scott College, Spelman College, and Kennesaw State University. AGREC intends to grow the collaborative and invites other universities to join this initiative. For the academic year of 2022-2023, the application is open to all six universities and they may invite members from other universities to join their collaborative project. A team must include at least two faculty from two different AGREC member institutions, and include at least one community partner. A community partner could be a non-profit organization, a governmental entity, a corporation, a public or private sector organization, and other entities in Atlanta or other parts of the world. Teams may include additional faculty members from any university/college in the Greater Atlanta region. These multi-institutional teams may apply for funding in the range of \$5,000-15,000 (funds must be expended by June 20, 2023). While AGSC administers this collaborative, the funds are disbursed from each institution to its respective faculty and according to the policy and practices of the recipient's home institution. Funding preference will be given to innovative, transformative collaborative research and education projects in global engagement with significant emphasis on their potential to develop new and strategic sustainable relationships among partners (e.g. universities, companies, NGOs, community organizations) and their impact on Atlanta communities.

AGREC is a research and education collaborative comprised of six universities in Atlanta:

- AGSC, a consortium of **Georgia Tech** and **Georgia State University**
- **Emory University's** Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives (GSI)
- **Agnes Scott College's** SUMMIT Center for Global Learning and Leadership Development
- **Spelman College's** Gordon Zeto Center for Global Education
- **Kennesaw State University's** Division of Global Affairs

The aim of AGREC is to:

- connect the Greater Atlanta region's international assets through an emphasis on supporting "global at home" projects that serve students, faculty, and community partners
- enhance and broaden institutional partnerships amongst universities in Greater Atlanta
- create and strengthen global networks of scholars and practitioners in Greater Atlanta
- raise the profile of Atlanta region as a whole, making Greater Atlanta a hub for global education and research through innovative collaborative educational and research projects from various disciplines

The proposed **outcomes/deliverables** could include:

- Creation of research and teaching communities and production of publications
- *Lasting Student Programs* that could include engagement in the form of an extracurricular activity involving local/global communities that can be duplicated across universities in Atlanta and abroad
- *Sustained Globally Connected Community Projects* that would continue beyond the university engagement serving as seed funding and effort for receiving additional funding

Project Eligibility

- Must examine an issue in Greater Atlanta from a global perspective and engage local communities
- Must be initiated by two current full-time university faculty or academic professional/staff at two different AGREC member institutions whose disciplines are relevant to the proposed project
- Teams may include additional faculty members and academic professional/staff from any university/college in the Greater Atlanta region
- Must partner with one or more community organizations or a corporation or a public sector organization in Greater Atlanta or abroad

Preferred Thematic Areas

- Peacebuilding/Conflict Resolution
- Migration and Population
- Linguistic Diversity
- Sustainability including Atlanta's Urban Development, Transportation
- Race and Justice/Inequities
- Income Inequality
- One or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)
- Open topic to be suggested by applicants

Principles of Partner and Community Engagement

These are guiding principles for establishing partnerships in the community:

- Aligns with the university and partner organization's vision and mission
- Partnership must be mutually beneficial
- Results must be measurable (e.g., # of boards serving; amount of diversity spending; sustainability metrics)
- Impact must focus on connecting local and global dimensions
- Partner(s) must be fully engaged in the project
- The project must provide new opportunities to grow (faculty expertise, resources), and exhibits "staying power."
- Partner organizations must be appropriately compensated for time and resources

Application Materials and Process

The following documents should be submitted as a **single PDF**:

- 1) Narrative [3-5 pages] that addresses:
 - a. Proposed project and its potential impact
 - b. Potential significance of the proposed project, its relation to current programs and measure of success

- c. Contributions/role of each team member
 - d. A specific plan for community engagement
 - e. A specific sustainability plan
 - f. Project timeline
- 2) A detailed budget
- Budget notes:*
- Available AGREC Funds are pooled from contributions from the various partner institutions and are not solely AGSC funds.
 - Funds will be disbursed through the relevant AGREC university members to their respective PIs. Funds will be disbursed to the Co-PI's according to the rules and practices of the awarding institutions and according to the policy and practices of each AGREC member university of the PIs awarded. In other words, faculty PIs from Georgia Tech/GSU/Spelman/Agnes Scott/Emory/Kennesaw will receive instructions for accessing awarded funds from their respective university's administrative team.
 - Each institution follows its own funding accountability and policy. Forms of compensation to community partners may vary from project to project and compensation arrangements need to be made with faculty.
 - Awardees can use the funding for travel, events, materials, and stipends for community partners.
 - International travel may be supported to bring guests to Atlanta with a preference from low- and middle-income countries.
 - Faculty/graduate student salary support is not encouraged but will be considered under exceptional circumstances that are justified.
 - Funds cannot be used for food or alcohol.
 - There is no matching requirement but matching funds from non-AGREC members is welcomed
 - There is no indirect cost.
 - Awards are contingent upon available funds and projects might be funded for less than the amount requested.
- 3) CVs of the Co-PIs (Include CVs of any additional team members if applicable. CVs of community members are NOT required)
- 4) Letter of support/intent from the community partner(s) highlighting the nature and extent of collaboration as well as intended outcome

Upon completion of the project, recipients of AGREC funding will need to provide a report summarizing their activities, findings, expenditures, and future plans.

Selection Process

A review committee of multi-disciplinary and multi-university scholars and practitioners from diverse organizations who have not currently applied will review the applications and provide a scoring grade of the applications on the basis of academic quality, sustainability, collaboration, and anticipated impact. The selection of the committee will be administered by AGSC. Once awarded, there will be a meeting to clarify funds disbursement and project timeline.

Deadline for applications: May 28, 2022

Anticipated announcement of awards: August 2022

Anticipated Start date: August 15, 2022

Funds must be expended by: June 20, 2023

Reports due by: September 30, 2023

Submit proposals through the [online form](#):

https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bHgoZUitMBtwzk2

Web: <https://atlantaglobalstudies.gatech.edu/AGREC>

Virtual Info Sessions:

- Thursday, Feb 24, 2022 at 9:30 am-10:30 am
Meeting URL: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/98377957304>
- Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Meeting URL: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/92287347325>
- Friday, April 29, 2022 at 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Meeting URL: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/95266046861>

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