Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC)
Global at Home
Call for Proposals (CFP)

Project/Award Period: August 2024 to August 2025
Deadline for applications: April 19, 2024

The Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC) invites scholars to submit collaborative projects across disciplines and institutions that address needs 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 seven universities including Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Agnes Scott College, Spelman College, Kennesaw State University, and Clark Atlanta University. AGREC intends to grow the collaborative and invites other universities to join this initiative.

For the 2024-2025 grant cycle, the application is open to pairs or teams of faculty and/or academic professionals from at least two of the seven AGREC member institutions. Project Teams may invite members from additional universities to join their collaborative project.

A Project Team must include at least two faculty or academic professionals from two different AGREC member institutions, who will be named Co-Primary Investigators (Co-PIs) and will assume leadership of the project. The Project Team must also include at least one community partner. A community partner can be a non-profit organization, a governmental entity, a corporation, a public or private sector organization, or other entity in Atlanta or other parts of the world. Project 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 $5,000-20,000 (funds must be expended by August 31, 2025).

While AGSC administers this collaborative, the funds are disbursed from each AGREC member institution to its respective faculty/staff 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, strategic, and 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 seven 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
- **Clark Atlanta University's** Office of International Programs

The goals of AGREC are 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 the 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.

Deliverables could include, but are not limited to:

- Production of research publications and/or grant proposals
- Lasting student or community engagement programs
- Conferences, symposia, or presentations
- Materials developed by students or partners
- Stakeholder feedback
- Re-useable or adaptable materials such as training manuals, translated documents, or workshop materials
- Digital resources (websites, multimedia content, databases, etc.)

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
- Co-PIs must assume leadership of the project and are responsible for communication with and between the project team and AGREC
- 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 partners (see definition below)

Preferred Thematic Areas

One or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). Priority will be given to projects which address UN SDGs in one or more of the following categories:
- Peacebuilding/Conflict Resolution
- Migration and Population
- Public Health
- Linguistic Diversity
- Inclusive Global Education
- Sustainable Cities / Communities
- Race, Justice, & Equality
- Gender and sexuality
- Poverty / Income Inequality / Economic Growth

Principles of Partner and Community Engagement

Projects must abide by the following guiding principles for partnerships in the community:
- Aligns with both the university and partner organization's vision and mission.

- Partnership must be mutually beneficial and reciprocal.
- Knowledge, expertise, and responsibilities should be equally valued and shared.
- Results must be measurable (e.g., # of students/participants, % change, skills development)
- Community partner(s) must be fully engaged in the project.
- The project provides new opportunities to grow/improve (e.g., faculty expertise, resources).
- The project exhibits "staying power."
- Community partners must be appropriately compensated for time and resources.

Project Timeline

- February 7 and March 7, 2024: Info Sessions
- April 19, 2024: Proposal Deadline
- April 20 – May 16, 2024: Proposal Review and Selection
- May 17, 2024: Notification of Pre-awards
- May – June 2024: Pre-Award Meetings
- August, 2024: Projects begin (AY 24-25)
- April 15, 2025: Deadline for Interim Expense and Project Report*
- December 30, 2025: End of Award/Project Period (AY 24-25)
- March 1, 2026: Final Report Deadline

*AGREC will send reminders to send a brief update on your project and to submit all expenditures and payment requests for the first 6 months of your project in order to allow business offices to close out the fiscal year.

Final Report

Upon completion of the project, and by no later than March 1, 2025, AGREC Project Co-PIs should submit a final budget spreadsheet showing actual expenses for the project and a final report summarizing their project and future plans [max 5 pages]. The report should provide the following information.
- Program overview (description, project team, participants, stakeholders)
- What were the outcomes of your project?
- What are/were the deliverables (publications, reports, materials, database etc.) of your project? [attach copies]
- How does/did your project impact the community with whom you are/were working?
- What challenges did you face and what adjustments did you make?
- What are the next steps of this project and how will it continue?

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 score and feedback of the proposals based on the criteria described above and on the attached rubric. The selection of the committee will be administered by AGSC. Once awarded, there will be a pre-award meeting to clarify funds disbursement and project timeline.

Application Materials and Process

Go to [APPLICATION LINK.](#) Complete the General Project Information section. You will be prompted to upload the following items as a **single PDF**.

1. **Narrative [3-5 pages] including:**
   - Project description and its relation to current/existing programs (if applicable). Please review the proposal rubric and address each of the following in the narrative.
     - Relevance
     - Multi-Disciplinary and Multi-Institutional Approach
     - Strength and Equity of Partnership
       - Contributions/roles of each team member
     - Impact on Students, Faculty, and/or Community
       - potential significance and expected impact of the proposed project
       - expected outcomes /results (e.g., # of students/participants, % change, skills development)
       - deliverables
       - How does the project promote community engagement?
     - Longevity
       - How will the outcomes of the project continue to be realized after AGREC funding?
     - Feasibility
       - How likely can project activities and outcomes be achieved considering the limits of time and funding?

2. **Project timeline**

3. **A detailed budget (see attached template)**

Budget notes:
- Available AGREC funds are made up of contributions from the various AGREC member institutions and are not solely AGSC funds.
- Funds will be disbursed through the relevant AGREC member institutions 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/Clark Atlanta 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 the Co-PI from each institution.
- Awardees can use the funding for travel, events, materials, and stipends for community partners.
- 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.

4. **CVs of the Co-PIs** (Include CVs of any additional team members if applicable. CVs of community members are NOT required)

5. **Letter of support/intent from the community partner(s) highlighting the nature and extent of collaboration as well as intended outcome**

<mark>Submit proposals through the [ONLINE FORM.](#)</mark>

Virtual Info Session

- **INFO SESSION #1: Wednesday, Feb 7, 10-11 am**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://gatech.zoom.us/j/99287823498?pwd=ZUVWUlpGdGR6ZlIvcE5aMkdXOEZJZz09

Meeting ID: 992 8782 3498 - Passcode: 376327

- **INFO SESSION #2: Thursday, March 7, 10-11 am**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://gatech.zoom.us/j/91776417597?pwd=Wk5wSldqZXdQUDZDdDhvY2tHOGRGQT09

Meeting ID: 917 7641 7597 - Passcode: 487416

Or schedule an appointment with us for further information and queries:
- Dr. Stuart Minson, AGSC Associate Director (GA Tech site): sminson3@gatech.edu
- Dr. Ethan Trinh, AGSC Associate Director (GSU site): ttrinh16@gsu.edu

Glossary:

AGREC Member Institution: An office or department within a Higher Education Institution (HEI) that supports the Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC) by reviewing proposals, committing funds, and assisting with the grant administration. There are currently seven AGREC member institutions: Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Emory University, Agnes Scott College, Spelman College, Kennesaw State University, and Clark Atlanta University.

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Community partner: a non-profit organization, community-based organization (CBO), governmental agency or entity, corporation, public or private sector organization, or other entity in Atlanta or other parts of the world

More information: https://atlantaglobalstudies.gatech.edu/AGREC