Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC)
Practitioners and Scholars connecting local and global collaborations for Greater Impact
Call for Proposals

Project/Award Period: August 2025 to August 2026
Deadline for applications: April 18, 2025

1) Overview of AGREC

Housed within the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), the AGREC initiative is comprised of seven universities including Atlanta Global Studies Center (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; and **Clark Atlanta University's** Office of International Programs. AGREC intends to grow the collaborative and invites other universities to join this initiative. 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 while connecting to the rest of the world.

2) Goals of AGREC

The goals of AGREC are to:
- connect the Greater Atlanta region's international assets through an emphasis on supporting project(s) that 'connect Atlanta and the rest of the world' for impacts that serve students, faculty, and community partners, improving the quality of life and advancing humanity.
- enhance and broaden institutional partnerships amongst universities in Greater Atlanta and beyond.
- create and strengthen global networks of scholars and practitioners in Greater Atlanta and beyond.
- 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 and partners.

3) AY25-26 Call for Proposals

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 that connects Atlanta to the rest of the world. We are exploring how Atlanta impacts the rest of the world and how the world shapes Atlanta, focusing on impacts at home and globally that improve the quality of life and advance humanity.

For the 2025-2026 grant cycle, the application is open to pairs or teams of faculty and/or academic professionals from *at least* two or more of the seven AGREC member institutions. 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 is a non-academic entity that can be a non-profit organization, a governmental entity, a corporation, a public or private sector organization, or another entity in

Atlanta or other parts of the world. Project Teams may include additional faculty members from any university/college. These multi-institutional teams may apply for funding in the range of $5,000-$20,000 (funds must be expended by August 14, 2026). 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. Specifically,

> **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, and community organizations) and their impact on Atlanta communities.**

4) Application Requirements

4.1 Project Eligibility

- Must examine an issue in Greater Atlanta from a global perspective and engage local communities or a global issue with an Atlanta point of view taking into account resources or history of Atlanta- in other words must connect Atlanta and the world in a tangible concrete way.
- Must be initiated by two current full-time university faculty or academic professionals/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 professionals/staff from any university/college in the Greater Atlanta region and beyond
- Must partner with one or more community partners (see definition below)

4.2 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

4.3 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.

4.4 Deliverables

Deliverables could include, but are not limited to:
- Innovations that improve lives (medical, technological, scientific, theory etc)
- 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
- Reusable or adaptable materials such as training manuals, translated documents, or workshop materials
- Digital resources (websites, multimedia content, databases, etc.)

4.5 Project Timeline

- November 5 and December 6, 2024: Fall Info Sessions
- February 6 and March 6, 2025: Spring Info Sessions
- April 18, 2025: Proposal Deadline
- April 19 – May 15, 2025: Proposal Review and Selection
- May 16, 2025: Notification of Pre-awards
- May – June 2025: Pre-Award Meetings
- August, 2025: Projects begin (AY 25-26)
- May 1, 2026: Deadline for Interim Expense and Project Report
- August 14, 2026: End of Award/Project Period (AY 25-26)
- September 15, 2026: Final Report Deadline

4.6 Final Report

Upon completion of the project, and by no later than September 15, 2026, AGREC Project Co-PIs *must 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?

4.7 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. AGSC will administer the committee selection. Once awarded, there will be a pre-award meeting to clarify funds disbursement and project timeline.

5) 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**.

5.1 Narrative

Please submit a single-spaced 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?

5.2 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.

5.3 CVs

Please Include the CVs *of the Co-PIs and* of any additional team members if applicable. CVs of community members are NOT required

5.4 Letter of support/intent

Please submit a letter of support from the community partner(s) highlighting the nature and extent of collaboration as well as intended outcome

Submit proposals through the ONLINE FORM here.

6) **Before you apply**

This year, we will have both virtual and in-person information sessions for potential applicants to meet and ask questions from the AGREC Committee Team and the previous awardees. Please see below

6.1 Virtual Info Sessions

- INFO SESSION #1: **Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024**, 12pm - 1pm
Join Zoom Meeting
https://gatech.zoom.us/j/92306500115?pwd=o7ISdB7wq8aRSNZKJAsyYbd8qNWVBr.1

Meeting ID: 923 0650 0115 - Passcode: 616085

- INFO SESSION #2: **Friday, Dec 6, 2024**, 12pm - 1 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
 https://gatech.zoom.us/j/97060759001?pwd=tdm5btOPZfKDMlBARy1H0cFFxExISs.1

Meeting ID: 970 6075 9001 - Passcode: 028968

- INFO SESSION #1: **Thursday, Feb 6, 2025**, 12pm - 1pm
Join Zoom Meeting
 https://gatech.zoom.us/j/95598960219?pwd=pcbpndV4ze0yWuqXr1B7cxlS7bKakZ.1

Meeting ID: 955 9896 0219 - Passcode: 862341

- INFO SESSION #1: **Thursday, Mar 6, 2025**, 12pm - 1pm
Join Zoom Meeting
 https://gatech.zoom.us/j/92696641484?pwd=vLUWkrdrjIVf8QaubkOQnBDfHBwD6Y.1

Meeting ID: 926 9664 1484 - Passcode: 794059

6.2 In-person session: TBD

6.3 Any further questions?

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

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Community partner: a non academic institution including 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