

Multimillion-Dollar Interdisciplinary International Scholarship

THEMES

1. Typically, this is not traditional research nor is it typically funded by a traditional grant.
2. This scholarship includes complexity that exceeds that of typical domestic research.
3. No University-wide strategic plan exists to guide decision making about this scholarship.
4. No University-level body or administrator is designated to facilitate decision making about pursuing this scholarship.
5. Researchers believe they are not encouraged to engage in this scholarship.
6. The entrepreneurial research model does not accommodate the pursuit of this scholarship.
7. Researchers seek greater administrative support or infrastructure as they pursue this scholarship.
8. Networking and collaborating with University colleagues are vital, yet challenging, aspects of successfully pursuing this scholarship.
9. Collaboration with external partners is critical for successful proposals and project implementation.

PURPOSE

Explore the University of Minnesota's pursuit of this scholarship and its respective funding opportunities. This academic work falls outside the traditional definition of scholarship, blurring the line between research and service.

This scholarship often:

- ▶ is funded by cooperative agreements,
- ▶ is large in size and magnitude,
- ▶ involves numerous international partners, and
- ▶ requires collaboration of researchers across disciplines.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Better articulate the benefits of multimillion-dollar, interdisciplinary, international scholarship.
2. Create a University-wide, strategic plan to guide selection of proposals.
3. Develop a University-level, decision-making authority.
4. Create consultative and support teams.
5. Establish administrative processes and support.
6. Establish incentives, awards, or other benefits for tenured and tenure-track faculty.
7. Leverage peer institutions' experiences.

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY AT THE U OF M

1970

The Morocco Project
Financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to assist in developing a Moroccan college of agriculture.

2004

The National Center for Food Protection and Defense
An action-oriented research consortium addressing the vulnerability of the nation's food system to an attack with biological or chemical agents. Launched as a Homeland Security Center for Excellence.

2006

The International Network for Strategic Initiatives in Global HIV Trials (INSIGHT)
The world's largest collaboration of HIV/AIDS researchers and clinical trials (400 sites, 37 countries, and nearly 10,000 subjects) supported by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

2007

Minnesota Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance
Funded by NIAID to enhance understanding of the diversity and transmission of influenza viruses in North America, Central America, Asia, and East Africa.

2009

Abu Dhabi-Minnesota Institute for Research Excellence (ADMIRE)
A partnership with the Petroleum Institute in the United Arab Emirates to promote joint research projects and develop the academic programs with the Petroleum Institute.

2009

RESPOND
A USAID sponsored agreement that helps developing countries better respond to emerging animal diseases that pose a threat to humans.

