

Grants for Faculty Planning New Study Away Initiatives
Guidelines: DISCOVERY GRANTS
For travel during 2025-2026 (revised February 2025)

The Discovery Grant provides financial support to faculty who are interested in introducing a travel component to an already existing class or developing a study abroad/away course during **January** or **June/Summer**. The grant enables interested faculty to travel to potential locations to explore relevant sites and identify local partners that could contribute to the academic success of the proposal.

Total Available Funding: \$20,000

Maximum award for Program:

- International Trip: Up to \$3,000
- Domestic Trip: Up to \$1000

Submission and Deadline: Submit your documentation to the Director of International and Off Campus Programs (IOP), Dr. Steven Duke (stevenduke@augustana.edu). Applications will be reviewed by the IOP Committee. Review of submissions will start on March 21, 2025 and will continue until available funds are depleted.

Proposal Guidelines

1. Proposal should address the following:

- a. Justification: submit a document that addresses the following
 - i. Name, location(s) and description of the program
 - ii. Details of the proposed planning trip, how it will contribute to fulfilling academic goals of the course, and who are the potential partners that could be visited and considered for logistical support
 - iii. An estimation when the class will be offered to students
- b. Proposed travel itinerary during the planning visit
- c. Estimated budget for the Planning trip

2. Criteria of selection:

- a. Priority will be given to faculty who have not previously received funding.
- b. Academic relevance and potential for success.
 - i. Relevance of the intended destination to the course and discipline
 - ii. Connection for how this class fulfills Augustana's learning perspectives and major requirements
 - iii. Information about how this class enriches Augustana's curriculum.
 - iv. Information about how this visit will help develop connections with local partners
- c. Support from Department Chair

Required Report

If your proposal is approved and funding is allocated for the proposed travel, it is expected that you will work with IOP Director Steven Duke to plan your proposed trip. Following completion of the international travel, it is expected that you will submit a written report describing your funded trip and what you accomplished.