PROPOSAL OVERVIEW: The Division of Global Affairs (DGA) invites individuals or groups of faculty and staff in conjunction with one or more Colleges to propose featured programs/events for the Year of Cuba (2019-2020). DGA will provide up to $5000 per College for such programming. Proposals from individual colleges may request funding for as many as three such programs/events in a semester or four programs/events in an academic year. Colleges working together may request the combined amount for both colleges for multiple programs/events throughout the year. The maximum award for a single program/event will be $3000.

STRUCTURE/Criteria: Developed in close consultation and coordination with the Year of Cuba Planning Committee, these programs will form the basis of the overall series and be highlighted at the College level as co-sponsored featured events. Proposals that demonstrate cost-sharing are strongly encouraged but not required. Projects that demonstrate a high level of faculty commitment, student involvement, and community engagement will be deemed most competitive. Programs that are incorporated into other College programs and activities such as a conference or symposium are highly encouraged.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS: Each proposed program or event must include: 1) Title with listing of any preferences or constraints in terms of date, time and place; 2) Program Description including intended audience and educational goals– not to exceed 300 words; 3) Outcomes & Impact Statement – not to exceed 300 words; 4) Project Budget including any co-sponsorships. Successful applications must clearly identify specific classes that will participate in the program offered and the benefits to the student learning experience. Any cost-sharing by the home Department or College must be approved in advance by the Chair and/or Dean of the College/Division. All applications should include a signed statement from the Dean of the College that states: “I have reviewed and support this proposal.” Complete proposals must be submitted by November 15, 2018 to the ACSP Coordinator, Dr. Dan Paracka. Applications will be reviewed by the ACSP Planning Committee who will submit recommendations to the ACSP Advisory Board for final selection and approval.

ACSP OVERVIEW: For the past 34 years, Kennesaw State University (KSU) has dedicated each academic year to the study of a particular country or region introducing thousands of students to the rich diversity of world cultures that make up the human family. The award-winning program plays a vital role internationalizing our campus and engaging local and global communities. Annually, it results in new courses and curriculum, research projects, education abroad programs, and global partnerships. The ACSP series of lectures, panels, performances, exhibits, seminars and conferences help students break down stereotypes, build connections across cultures, and develop the intercultural competencies needed to act responsibly in today’s complex interdependent world.

ACSP MISSION: The Annual Country Study Program cultivates an interdisciplinary educational platform for campus wide critical exploration of a country through a variety of relevant activities and
events to engage KSU students, faculty, and community, and enhance awareness, interest, and understanding of the world.

Specific Program Goals include:

- Expand participants' cultural knowledge and intercultural skills.
- Break down stereotypes and connect across cultures by providing participants with a rich, complex sense of place, identity and community (both locally and globally).
- Strengthen student engagement in global learning and help prepare students to enter the global society as responsible citizens.
- Support and empower faculty to integrate country specific material as well as education abroad and local intercultural experiences into their curriculum through connections with the local community and partners abroad.
- Advance KSU's globally-focused curriculum, intercultural expertise, and international partnerships and research collaborations.

Components of the Year of Program include but are not limited to the following:

- Involvement of local and international community partners, including university partners, consular officials, business leaders, and community organizations.
- Guest lectures featuring national and international experts from various fields/professions (arts, business, education, engineering, health, humanities, science, etc.).
- Featured films both from and about the country or region of study.
- Theatre, Music and Dance Performances, Art Exhibits, and Culinary Demonstrations.
- Hosting visiting exchange faculty and students, including special residencies for artists, chefs and other specialists.
- Special courses as well as faculty and student learning communities and seminars abroad.
- International Academic Conferences/Symposia.
- A Special Issue of the Journal of Global Initiatives.

Funding Requirements:

- Funds will be available for use during the 2019-2020 academic year. All funds must be spent and fully processed by June 1, 2020.
- All awards are provided in the form of Georgia state dollars and are subject to applicable state laws, rules, and regulations to include those guidelines issued by the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, the Board of Regents and Kennesaw State University.
- If you have questions concerning allowable expenses, please contact Saundra Rogers, at sroger12@kennesaw.edu.