Description:
The Annual Country Study Program is an award-winning, university-wide educational activity that supports KSU’s strategic initiative towards students’ purposeful journeys and transformational learning, building an inclusive culture, impacting community, and achieving institutional excellence. Annually, it results in new courses and curriculum, research projects, education abroad programs, and global partnerships.

We invite applications from full-time permanent faculty (tenured, tenure-track, clinical, lecturer and senior lecturer) to serve as Global Fellows (GF) who will develop projects related to the study of New Zealand that will advance KSU’s globally-focused curriculum, intercultural expertise, international partnerships, and research collaborations. Projects should support student engagement in global learning and expand their intercultural competencies as informed, globally responsible citizens. Global Fellows will gain valuable insight and experience in the field of international education and cultivate leadership and project management skills during their fellowship term.

Up to six faculty will be selected for a 2.5-year commitment to actively plan and implement the Year of New Zealand. Leading vertically integrated transdisciplinary, international teams of faculty, staff, students and community partners, Global Fellows will help these groups develop a deep understanding of New Zealand and its relationship to the wider world.

Global Fellows will attend monthly meetings to plan and implement the Year of New Zealand; promote and support the development of College Spotlight proposal submissions; and deliver a presentation at KSU related to New Zealand in support of the overall program. They will also identify a project track/area of focus for implementation from the following categories: Research/Creative Activity and Grant-Writing, Teaching and Virtual Exchange, Conference Organizing, Education Abroad, Community Outreach, and Student Engagement. Successful projects can be submitted for consideration to be presented at the Year of New Zealand Conference and/or published through the Journal of Global Initiatives special issue on New Zealand.

During the first half year (Spring 2020), the NZ Global Fellows will begin project track implementation through the recruitment of KSU faculty, staff and student collaborators. During the planning year (Fa20-Sp21), the NZ Global Fellows will actively lead the planning committee on developing and/or soliciting College Spotlights and other programming aimed at providing a wide array of campus and community-based educational programs that will aid in student understanding of New Zealand. In the Spring Semester of the planning year, the Global Fellows will actively recruit faculty and students for their YoNZ projects and course(s). Global Fellows are encouraged to incorporate appropriate Year of New Zealand events into their YoNZ course(s) during the implementation year (Fa2021-Sp2022). They are expected to deliver a presentation related to New Zealand during the implementation year, develop a project track/area of focus, and submit a final report at the end of the year evaluating the program’s impact and effectiveness.
Responsibilities:
Global Fellows will be selected to represent their respective colleges on the YoNZ Planning Committee and provide leadership throughout program implementation. All Global Fellows will
- attend monthly meetings to plan and implement the Year of New Zealand;
- promote and support the development of College Spotlight proposal submissions;
- deliver a presentation at KSU related to New Zealand;
- develop a project track/area of focus;
- submit a final report that reflects on and evaluates the Year of New Zealand experience and outlines specific plans for future projects and follow-up.

Areas of Focus:
Each Global Fellow will develop one or more area of focus from the following categories: Research, Creative Activity, and Grant-Writing; Teaching and Virtual Exchange; Conference Organizing; and Education Abroad. In your application, you should describe your area of focus highlighting plans for both student and community engagement.¹

Areas of Focus (select one or more area)

- **Research, Creative Activity, and Grant-Writing**
  - describe in a narrative format the research and/or grant related project that you are interested in pursuing and its relationship to the study of New Zealand
  - identify specific grant opportunities for which the GF intends to apply
  - applicants are encouraged to develop research and/or creative projects that correspond to research themes identified as priorities by the Office of Research

- **Teaching and Virtual Exchange** (Virtual Exchange projects are highly encouraged)
  - incorporate New Zealand related topics into an existing course(s) and/or create a special topics course focused on New Zealand:
    - describe the proposed teaching module or course. The project description should outline how the topic of study will be addressed, how it will be assessed, and how it will enhance student understanding of New Zealand.

¹ Student Engagement
Identify students and student organizations that have interest in New Zealand.
Describe how students will be directly involved in developing and implementing projects/activities (including service-learning or applied research projects).
Describe how the faculty member plans to guide and support student-centered projects related to New Zealand.

Community Outreach
Identify local community partners with expertise/interest in country of study.
Describe how community members/organizations will be directly involved in developing and implementing projects/activities.
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- provide a list of the course(s) in which the proposed teaching module will be used/disseminated and how the module fits within the identified course(s).
  - teach a collaborative virtual exchange module with a partner in New Zealand:
    - identify topics of shared interest/concern
    - explain how students would be partnered and work together (synchronous/asynchronous)
    - identify faculty at universities abroad to collaborate with in course(s) delivery

- Conference Organizing
  - identify potential conference themes and propose keynote speakers
  - identify potential sponsors/partners
  - create competitions/awards for student work that can be presented at conference
  - Serve as a reviewer and/or guest editor for the special issue on New Zealand of the *Journal of Global Initiatives*

- Education Abroad
  - Applicants should include a description of the proposed program that includes:
    - A list of courses to be offered
    - a tentative itinerary with travel dates
    - activities and partners in New Zealand
    - a preliminary budget
    - brief assessment of student interest and any safety or medical considerations

Remuneration and Recognition:

- NZ Global Fellows will receive $1500 from the Division of Global Affairs and $1500 from their home department/college (see details below). These funds will be available for use to travel to New Zealand any time during the project implementation year. In addition, Global Fellows will receive formal recognition for their contributions that can be highlighted and referenced within their tenure and promotion portfolios and professional vitae.

Application Instructions/Criteria:

For the application, please write a narrative essay (maximum of 3 pages) in which you address:

- your overall interest in and expertise related to the Year of New Zealand;
- relevant experience related to the area(s) of focus you propose to pursue;
- how you plan to incorporate the YoNZ experience into your overall professional development and/or KSU’s strategic initiatives (purposeful journeys, transformational
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learning, building an inclusive culture, impacting community, and achieving institutional excellence);
• a description of the area(s) of focus that you plan to pursue (see above suggestions for the preferred format/content – be as specific as possible);
• a description of the proposed activities and purpose for travel to New Zealand in order to help advance/support your area(s) of focus that includes preferred and alternate dates of travel (travel must occur within the YoNZ implementation year of 2021-2022);
• rank list any other areas of focus that you would be willing to consider developing if you are not selected for your first choice.

Applications require a letter of support from the faculty member’s department chair and dean. Letters must include department/college commitment to provide $1500 in faculty funding support.

The Annual Country Study Program Faculty Advisory Board will review applications and select participants. Emphasis will be placed on broad disciplinary representation among participants as well as the five bulleted criteria listed above.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Dr. Dan Paracka at dparacka@kennesaw.edu and are due on April 22, 2020. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Paracka with any questions they may have about the application.