Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the results of the competition for faculty grants from the first round of proposals to the President’s Global Innovation Fund (PGIF). A total of 87 proposals were submitted by more than 100 faculty from 13 Schools and from 12 departments in Arts and Sciences. With the help of a 15-member faculty review committee, a total of 20 proposals were selected for funding. The full list of funded projects follows below.

This program is designed to provide support for faculty who wish to use the resources or facilities of one or more of the University’s eight Global Centers for teaching or research activities. The aim is to increase opportunities for research, teaching and service around the world.

The projects selected in this first round cut across a broad range of disciplines, from psychiatry to environmental engineering to art history. They engage every Global Center, with research topics that include children's health, sustainable cities, migration, and slavery networks. The projects will provide opportunities for students to engage in global research, education, and service in new and meaningful ways. Please join President Bollinger, Global Centers Vice President Safwan Masri, and me in congratulating the recipients of these grants.

Notice of the next round of requests for proposals will be distributed later this fall. In the meantime, we would like to remind you about the Global Centers Faculty Forum being held in Lerner Hall, Room 555, on Wednesday, September 11 from 4:00 – 5:30pm. In this Forum, the eight Global Center Directors will introduce the network of Global Centers, talk about additional funding opportunities for faculty, and discuss diverse areas of collaboration in research and programming. Please RSVP to Rachelle Andujar (rla2143@columbia.edu).

John H. Coatsworth
Provost

President’s Global Innovation Fund Awardees - August 2013

Zainab Bahrani
Edith Porada Professor of Art History and Archaeology - Arts & Sciences
Mapping Mesopotamian Monuments

Taoufiq Ben-Amor
Gordon Gray Jr. Senior Lecturer in Arabic Studies
Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies - Arts & Sciences
Middle-East/North Africa Summer Institute in Amman and Paris

Daniel Corstange
Assistant Professor of Political Science - Arts & Sciences
Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs – School of International and Public Affairs
*Refugee Perceptions of International Intervention in the Syrian Civil War*

William Eimicke
Professor of Professional Practice - School of International and Public Affairs
*Global Public Management*

John Huber
Professor and Chair of Political Science - Arts & Sciences
*Creating a program for undergraduate study of democratic engineering in the Middle East*

Sheena Iyengar
S. T. Lee Professor of Business - Business School
*Global Leadership Matrix (GLeaM) Project*

Holger Klein
Professor and Chair of Art History and Archaeology - Arts & Sciences
*The Istanbul Research and Documentation Project*

Shantanu Lal
Associate Professor of Clinical Dental Medicine - College of Dental Medicine
*Children’s Global Oral Health Initiative (CGOHI)*

Mahmood Mamdani
Professor of Anthropology - Arts & Sciences
Herbert Lehman Professor of Government - School of International and Public Affairs
*Ifriqiyya: The Indian Ocean and Trans-African Slavery Networks*

Silvia Martins
Associate Professor of Epidemiology - Mailman School of Public Health
*Urbanicity, childhood trauma and adolescent comorbid psychopathology in Brazil and Chile*

Susan Pedersen
Professor of History and James P. Shenton Professor of the Core Curriculum - Arts & Sciences
*Enhancing the Research Component of the History Major*

Kathleen Pike
Clinical Professor of Psychology and Education (in Psychiatry and Epidemiology)
College of Physicians and Surgeons and Mailman School of Public Health
*Global Mental Health Research Consortium and Scholars Program*

Sheldon Pollock
Arvind Raghunathan Professor of South Asian Studies
Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies - Arts & Sciences
The Columbia Global Humanities Project

Miriam Rabkin
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine - College of Physicians and Surgeons
Associate Clinical Professor of Epidemiology - Mailman School of Public Health
Confronting Non-communicable Diseases in Middle East and Turkey

Jan Svejnar
James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy - School of International and Public Affairs
Strategies for Growth: The Changing Role of the State

Julien Teitler
Associate Professor - School of Social Work
Columbia University Global Migration Network

Nickolas Themelis
Stanley-Thompson Professor Emeritus of Chemical Metallurgy
Special Research Scientist in the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering
School of Engineering and Applied Science
Planning for Workshop and organization that brings together academic and research institutions for advancing Sustainable Waste Management in Latin America

Nicola Twilley
Adjunct Assistant Professor - Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Regional Foodshed Resilience: An Interdisciplinary and International Practicum

Eric Verhoogen
Associate Professor - School of International and Public Affairs
Industrial Upgrading in Brazil

Tilla Worgall
Assistant Professor of Pathology (in Pediatrics and the Institute of Human Nutrition)
College of Physicians and Surgeons
Sphingolipids in Pediatric Brain Tumors