

Greek Diaspora Fellowship Program

GDFP Project Request Guidelines

Greek institutions of higher learning submit the Project Request to apply to host a Greek citizen living and working in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Projects are intended to strengthen international collaboration between Greece and scholars and universities abroad.

[Find the online Project Request form here!](#)

The guidelines that follow are for prospective Greek host institutions. Feel free to contact GreekDiaspora@iie.org for further guidance.

The project request is organized in the following five sections:

I: Host Institution Information

Complete this section with the name and address of your institution. Please note that only higher education institutions accredited by the applicable national agency in Greece are eligible. Institutions may be public or private.

The contact person listed in this section will be the main point of contact between the host institution and the Greek Diaspora Fellowship Program (GDFP) staff at the Institute of International Education (IIE). It is recommended that the main point of contact be the primary contact for the fellow, if the project is selected. Please notify IIE if the point of contact changes at any time at GreekDiaspora@iie.org.

II: Project Description

Projects may be in any academic discipline or can be interdisciplinary. Please be as specific as possible about the disciplinary specializations required for the project, especially if a prospective fellow is not identified in the project request. Fellow candidates (aka diaspora scholars) apply via a separate online form to express interest in participating in the GDFP. To be eligible, a candidate must:

- Hold Greek or Cypriot citizenship, or have been born in Greece or Cyprus;
- Live in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa or the United States;
- Hold a terminal degree in their field; and
- Be employed at an accredited college or university.

Eligible project activities for the Greek Diaspora Fellowship Program are:

- Curriculum co-development,

- Research collaboration and/or
- Graduate or undergraduate research mentoring and teaching.

In order to qualify for support under the GDFP, the host institution's project request must describe one or more of these types of project activities. It is important to articulate the ways a fellow is expected to contribute during the project visit. Enter a brief title for the project that conveys the field of study and focus of the curriculum co-development, research collaboration and/or graduate or undergraduate research mentoring and teaching activities to be conducted during the fellow's project visit.

Projects should stem from the requesting university's strategic plan and identify a need and desire to work with a diaspora scholar. The proposed project activities, objectives and impact should have benefits for both the host institution and the fellow. Projects that show potential for future, sustained collaborations are favored.

III. Timeframe

Project visits proposed can be between 14 and 90 days. Project length is defined as the date the fellow arrives at the host institution until the date the fellow departs the host institution for the activities outlined in the project request.

Further future collaborations, outside of GDFP sponsorship, are welcome. Please note any future visits or travel already planned in this timeframe section.

For the fellowship, the Greek Diaspora Fellow will receive a \$150/day stipend, visa costs (if applicable), limited health insurance, round-trip international air travel and ground transportation costs to and from home and the home airport. The fellow will also receive a project materials allowance of \$50 per day to be used on expenses at the host institution like classroom supplies, field work, etc. The Institute of International Education (IIE) manages the fellowships and payments to fellow.

IV. Prospective Fellow of Interest

Institutions without a Diaspora Scholar

Host institutions **are not required** to name a prospective diaspora scholar in the project request. If an institution has a project but no diaspora scholar in mind, it is important to explain the project in section II, especially in terms of discipline and specializations, as well as the project activities. IIE maintains a roster of fellow candidates who apply. IIE will search the roster to find one or more possible matches, according to the discipline specializations, expertise, activities and objectives described in the project request.

How institutions with a Diaspora Scholar

If the host institution **does have** a diaspora scholar in mind, be sure to complete section IV, including the name and contact information of the prospective fellow. A Greek institution can submit more than one project request; however, a diaspora scholar is only able to be matched in one project request per application cycle. The prospective host and diaspora scholar can collaborate on ideas for the project.

Fellows must complete a separate application online, to express interest in participating in the program. Prospective hosts are encouraged to review the [project and fellowship types](#) and email GreekDiaspora@iie.org with any questions.

V. Supporting Document

Each project request must have support from the Greek institution that proposes it.

- The university Rector and Department Head must sign the letter of support. One letter can be co-signed or two separate letters can be provided.
- Letter(s) should express institutional support for the collaboration.
- Letter(s) should demonstrate host institution contributions to the fellow's visit like providing office space and/or making appropriate introductions around the host campus.
- The content of the letter(s) should make it clear that the relevant administrators are aware of the proposed project.
- The letter(s) of support must be from someone other than the host institution contact person who submits the project request.