Cal Poly Global Programs offer Cal Poly courses taught by Cal Poly faculty for Cal Poly students in a variety of locations worldwide. The Cal Poly International Center promotes and supports international education opportunities for faculty and students by administering intentionally designed and academically rigorous study abroad programs.

There are TWO main opportunities for faculty to be involved with Cal Poly Global Programs:

1. Apply to Teach on a Campuswide Cal Poly Program

Campuswide programs are ongoing programs that run every year in Australia, England, Peru, Spain, and Thailand on which Cal Poly faculty may apply to teach. Priority is given to faculty who meet the following criteria:
   • Have a record of teaching excellence and demonstrated active involvement with students
   • Offer major, minor, and/or GE courses that are tailored to the program and location
   • Are willing and able to work collaboratively with the International Center and a service provider
   • Are willing and able to actively market the program and recruit participants
   • Are committed to increasing access to study abroad for underrepresented student populations
   • Have experience, expertise, and language proficiency (if applicable) in the program location

2. Propose or Renew a Custom Cal Poly Program

Custom programs are proposed by Cal Poly faculty and developed in collaboration with the International Center and a competitive service provider. Priority is given to programs that meet the following criteria:
   • Are led by faculty with a record of teaching excellence and demonstrated active involvement with students
   • Include courses that fulfill major, minor, and/or GE requirements, tailored to the proposed destination
   • Offer courses that are in high demand among students and aid in their degree progress
   • Address curricular areas not supported by existing faculty-led programs, and/or offer opportunities in countries or regions where Cal Poly has few or no programs
   • Adhere to a minimum ratio of approximately 2 credit units per week and not exceed the AcaPers WTU limit requirements
   • Are led by faculty who are committed to actively marketing the program, and have the potential to recruit 20+ participants to the program (or 30+ participants if led by two faculty)
   • Are led by faculty who have experience, expertise, and language proficiency (if applicable) in the program location
   • Are led by faculty who are dedicated to working collaboratively with the International Center and a service provider
   • Increase the accessibility of study abroad, focusing on students in underrepresented populations (including STEM majors, students of color, students with disabilities, students from low-income backgrounds, etc.)
The Cal Poly International Center offers TRAVEL GRANTS to support faculty who are interested in developing proposals for new custom Cal Poly Global Programs.

A limited number of grants will be awarded to help fund faculty visits to single or multiple sites within one country or region. Grant requests of up to $3,000 will be considered. Grants are open to faculty members who hold appropriate credentials to teach Cal Poly courses, and who are in at least their second year of teaching at Cal Poly.

Applications that demonstrate matching or supporting funds from the applicant’s home department or college are preferred. Additionally, applications should align with one or more of the following priorities:

- Intent to develop a new custom Cal Poly Global Program in a country or region in which Cal Poly has few or no current study abroad programs
- Intent to address an academic discipline not currently represented among Cal Poly Global Programs
- Intent to increase student access to study abroad, with particular emphasis on students of limited economic means and students in underrepresented populations
- Intent to propose an interdisciplinary program with a combination of major, minor, and GE courses

TRAVEL GRANT
APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 1, 2023

GRANT CYCLE
JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2024