Call for Proposals
Research Tutorial Abroad (RTA)
Undergraduate Field Research in Europe
2018-2019 AY

General Description: The Center for European Studies, with support from our Title VI National Resource Center Grant from the Department of Education, as well as from the University of Florida International Center is pleased to invite applications for the Research Tutorial Abroad program for 2018-2019 AY.

The RTA provides opportunities for UF faculty to bring undergraduate students to their field sites so that the students can participate in primary research in Europe. The tutorial is a great opportunity for students to expand their understanding and knowledge in their research area and gain invaluable experience abroad.

The RTA program invites faculty members to propose specific research projects that include plans for involving two to four students in data collection abroad for a period of approximately two to four weeks. Faculty involvement in both planning and implementation provides structure and oversight for student researchers, most of whom will be conducting research for the first time in the region.

All student researchers should be UF undergraduates, and may be at any point in their undergraduate career. Preference will be given to projects in non-traditional fields.

Award Amount: For the 2018-19 Academic Year, funding will be available for one RTA project award of up to $12,000. In the case of four student participants, additional funds may be available.

Permissible Projects & Eligible Faculty: There is no restriction by discipline or topic for RTA awards for AY 2018-19. UF faculty from any discipline and/or college are eligible to apply, and we encourage faculty from non-traditional fields to apply.

Travel Dates: This year we will be accepting applications for RTA awards for summer 2019. All travel and paperwork must be completed by August 10, 2019.

Application Procedures: Interested faculty should submit a proposal that includes:

1. Up to 3 pages of project narrative describing the research to be conducted, research location(s) and sites, research logistics (basic travel, accommodation, and other arrangements), roles of the student participants, and expected outputs (e.g. paper or poster at a UF undergraduate research conference, presentation at CES Lunchtime Symposium, honors paper or thesis, professional conference paper or poster, etc.).
2. **Current CV** of the faculty applicant and up to brief (3-4 sentences) **bio on each student** participant. *If faculty have not yet identified student participants, please mention the criteria to be used to recruit and select students. Student participants must be confirmed at least six weeks prior to RTA start date.*

3. **Total project budget** by broad category (e.g. airfare, lodging, food, local transport, miscellaneous) and explanation of how costs not covered by the RTA award will be met.

Application materials should be sent by email to CES Academic Programs Coordinator, Corinne Tomasi (corie@ufl.edu).

**Award Criteria:** Proposals will be assessed on quality of the research plan as detailed in “Application Procedures,” expected benefit to the student researchers, qualifications of the faculty to conduct and supervise the research, and efficiency in planned use of RTA grant funds. Priority will be given to proposals providing undergraduate students with first-time research experience in Europe.

**University Scholars Program:** Participating students are strongly encouraged to apply for the University Scholars Program (USP), which may provide additional support and recognition for the research they plan to do during the RTA program. For more information on USP visit [www.scholars.ufl.edu/home.aspx](http://www.scholars.ufl.edu/home.aspx)

**IRB Approval:** Research involving human subjects (as well as some animal research) is subject to IRB requirements and approval. It is the faculty member’s responsibility to submit the necessary forms and documentation to obtain appropriate IRB approval for any planned research activities by the faculty member as well as the students involved.

Question or requests for a meeting to discuss potential proposals can be sent to Corinne Tomasi at corie@ufl.edu.