



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS LECTURE SERIES 2013-2014**  
**ISSUED MARCH 18, 2013**

**Description**

The Global Policy Research Institute (GPRI) at Purdue University invites proposals to bring eminent policymakers and leading thinkers to West Lafayette to engage the campus community in interdisciplinary discussions of global policy issues. *Global* here can refer to the broad scope or relevance of the problem (for example, breast cancer is a problem everywhere), to the global impact of local knowledge (for example, local policymakers might be leaders in designing solutions to energy problems), or to the level at which solutions to the problem are proposed (for example, involving international organizations). Global problems or solutions can be fruitfully examined in international, national, state or local contexts. Global policy issues include any grand challenge or enduring problem of great importance scope, such as questions of health, security, energy, environment, agriculture, economics, leadership questions or other societal problems. Submissions are encouraged to propose innovative formats for a visit that combines traditional events such as large public lectures, workshops, and performances with longer stays, webcasts, and internet-based dialog. When possible and appropriate, interactions during a visit are encouraged to be videotaped so that they are available later for viewing on the GPRI website. Proposed visits organized around longer stays are also encouraged with the aim of developing a policy issue brief, research collaboration or proposal resulting from discussions and interactions. Commensurate with the multiple-faceted nature of grand challenges, proposed visits should be interdisciplinary in nature and engage faculty, staff, and students from across campus. Proposals that result in collaborative activities that engage the humanities, science, business, and engineering are encouraged. The stature of proposed visitors should increase Purdue's visibility and help Purdue play a leading role in offering new ideas about how to solve pressing problems with global scope or relevance. In conducting a proposed visit, GPRI welcomes the opportunity to partner with other Purdue organizations or to be the sole host. The series is expected to start in Fall 2013. The GPRI Director, Managing Director, and staff will support and administer the series. Proposals should make provisions for small events that include GPRI personnel, including members of the GPRI Faculty Leadership Committee as well as events that engage the broad Purdue community and the public.

**Budget and Cost Share**

Proposed budgets may include speaker fees, costs for public events, travel, dissemination costs, fees for a technical writer to assist with whitepapers and/or proposals, publication fees, etc. The distribution of these costs will vary by type of visitor and format. Cost share with another Purdue organization is encouraged, but not required. A maximum of \$25,000 is available to host approximately two visits per year. Budgets should be proposed accordingly.

**Deadline, Format, and Submission**

Proposals must be emailed to Ruth Ann Weiderhaft ([weiderhaft@purdue.edu](mailto:weiderhaft@purdue.edu)) by 11:59pm on Friday, April 12. Proposals should be a single pdf file attachment and contain the following:

- Two-page description of the proposed event(s),
- One-page biography of the proposed visitor, and
- Budget that has been prepared by a Purdue Business Office.

The two-page proposal should explain 1) the *significance* of the lecture series (including the stature of the candidate, the relevance to grand challenges, and the global relevance of the subject matter), 2) the format of the event (how will the event reach a large audience? Engage faculty and students? Encourage interdisciplinary participation?), and 3) expected outcomes and impact (will the event result in a policy brief or other publication? Research collaboration? Or help to secure future funding?).