The objective of this funding opportunity is to promote academic cooperation, civic engagement, and education sector reform through linkages and programs that strengthen relationships between practitioners, policy makers, trainers, or teachers from the U.S. and Pakistan, or within Pakistan.

Proposals may address different issue areas; however, they should focus on activities in one of the following three areas.

1. **Strengthening Academic Linkages and Cooperation**: Proposals that build long-term self-sustaining relationships and linkages between the educational communities in either of the following areas:
   - Creating academic linkages between Pakistan and the United States to enrich teaching and learning experiences in-person and virtually;
   - Creating academic linkages between Pakistan and India or Pakistan and Afghanistan to strengthen the capacity of education in both countries through lectures, modules, courses, and exchanges of students and faculty; or
   - Creating exchanges between U.S. and Pakistani institutions for teachers, students, trainers, or education professionals in order to expand cultural understanding, provide training or best practices, or as part of a larger program of virtual and in-person interactions.

2. **High School and University Inter-Cooperation in Pakistan**: Proposals are sought that build relationships among students and teachers from different types of schools – religious, non-religious, public, private – throughout Pakistan. The project should promote tolerance and seek to address biases. Proposals should include elements of peace education and the advancement of critical thinking.

3. **Facilitation of Visits of U.S. Experts**: Proposals of 12 months are sought to facilitate visits and in-country programming of U.S. scholars and experts in a variety of educational and cultural fields, including educational policy dialogues and research. Proposals must note the organization’s ability to complete in-country programming for the U.S. experts in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore, and/or other cities in coordination with the U.S. Embassy.
For all proposals under any thematic area, applicants should consider ways to address one or more of the following areas of focus:

- Disability/minority rights, including girls’ education;
- Special education;
- Improvement on early access to arts education and music education;
- Public awareness about cultural heritage appreciation/preservation;
- Small-scale paired linkages to strengthen capacity or exposure of under-served universities;
- Specialized education spheres of technology, civic education, or pre-collegiate preparation;
- Cross-border or multi-country engagement, i.e. Pakistan-Afghanistan, Pakistan-India; or audiences outside of the major/cosmopolitan cities.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**

Only one application per institution is allowed.

**KEY DATES**

Internal Letter of Intent Due: February 2, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: April 1, 2015

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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