Faculty-led Program Exploratory Funding Application Rubric for November 1, 2025 Deadline
Total points possible = 16

Priority will be given to IFO faculty who:

- have not previously received exploratory grant funding
- are submitting exploratory applications to new international destinations for future faculty-led programs
- have never led faculty-led programs
- seek to develop meaningful partnerships within the destination/region

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1. Planned faculty-led program region/destination is distinct. (0-3 points) *See the list of <u>active faculty-led programs</u> and locations.*

   3 = No other current faculty-led programs taught in this location
   1 = One other faculty-led program taught in this location
   0 = Two or more faculty-led programs taught in this location

2. Prior faculty travel to this destination. (0-3 points)

   3 = Zero previous trips to this destination
   2 = One personal or academic trip to this destination
   1 = More than one personal or academic trip to this destination
   0 = Multiple trips to this area or has stayed/lived in this area for more than 1 month

3. Exploratory Funding Application lists specific connections with reputable groups or individuals within the country/area with direct ties to the focus of the faculty-led program. (0-3 points)

   3 = Multiple specific connections relating to academic focus & logistics
   2 = At least two specific connections, one relating to academic focus & and one to logistics
   1 = One unsubstantiated connection relating to either academics or logistics
   0 = No current connections noted

4. Faculty has identified supplemental funding sources to offset cost using grants, IFO money, PIFs, or some other source. (0-1 points)

   1 = Supplemental funding sources identified
   0 = No supplemental funds identified

5. Faculty has not previously received exploratory funding. (0-3 points)

   3 = No previous funding received
   2 = Received funding 4+ years ago
   1 = Received funding within the past 2-3 years
   0 = Received funding within the past year

6. Faculty has not previously led faculty-led programs. (0-3 points)

   3 = Faculty has never led a faculty-led program anywhere
   2 = Faculty has never led a faculty-led program at WSU, but has led one elsewhere
   1 = Faculty has been a co-lead on another faculty led program
   0 = Faculty has led other faculty-led programs

7. **My overall assessment of this exploratory grant application is:**

Approval recommended

Unsure, have questions

Approval not recommended

Approval recommended only under these circumstances (provide specific information about conditional approval) _____

8. **Comments, Concerns, and/or Feedback** (open ended)

Please contact Kathy Jicinsky, Assistant Director of Study Abroad for Faculty-led Programs, at kathy.jicinsky@winona.edu with questions about the exploratory grant application process.