

## LIMITED SUBMISSION

### [Obama-Singh 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative \(OSI\)](#)

**US-India Institutional Partnership Grants** – The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) announces an open competition for the support of projects through the Obama-Singh 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative (OSI). Announced by the U.S. and Indian governments, OSI aims to strengthen collaboration and build partnerships between American and Indian institutions of higher education. Accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501c(3) may submit proposals to support the program's goals of encouraging mutual understanding, facilitating educational reform, fostering economic development, and engaging civil society through academic cooperation with Indian post-secondary educational institutions, in the thematic areas of energy; sustainable development; climate change; environmental studies; education and educational reform; public health; and community development and innovation. Proposals are due November 1, 2013.

#### **Program Overview**

To encourage mutual understanding, facilitate educational reform, foster economic development, and engage civil society, the OSI enables U.S. colleges and universities and Indian counterpart institutions to pursue objectives cooperatively through exchange visits of faculty, administrators, post graduate Indian students, and U.S. graduate students who can demonstrate the ability to work independently. The OSI is not designed to specifically support study abroad activities for undergraduate students but does encourage the development of education abroad programs for U.S. undergraduate students.

#### **Project Design**

The project should be designed to focus on specific institutional objectives that will support the program's goals of encouraging mutual understanding, facilitating educational reform, fostering economic development, and engaging civil society. The project design should include a series of exchange visits and activities that will lead to the achievement of the project's objectives within a three-year period, and should describe a process for evaluating the results of project implementation. The design should also provide for the effective administration of the project.

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**To be considered for nomination by WSU:** please send an email to [rifs@wayne.edu](mailto:rifs@wayne.edu) with a **one page Letter of Intent** (an abstract of your project that would demonstrate that you are best-suited and most competitive candidate to submit from WSU for this particular funding opportunity) and your **CV** attached **by 5PM on October 1, 2013**. The external proposal deadline for the selected candidate is November 1, 2013.