Global Virtual Faculty (GVF™)

The GVF program consists of a cadre of distinguished scholars and practitioners from around the world who serve as Global Virtual Faculty members in partnership with the FDU faculty in the teaching of our courses. Since many courses at FDU incorporate distance learning technologies, it is only natural to bring together these resources and our commitment to global education by engaging GVF. What makes the GVF Program unique and the GVF members different from traditional only instructors is our mission to bring a global dimension to the learning experience.

Program Goals

The primary role of a GVF member is to bring a global dimension to the learning experience by offering different perspectives and observations to students on the issues under study. For example, GVF may be involved through presenting relevant narrative material or case studies or directing students to useful web sites within the GVF member’s area of expertise.

All courses engaging GVF are taught in collaboration with Fairleigh Dickinson University faculty members. Each GVF member is assigned a campus-based partner, who shapes and designs his or her participation. The campus-based faculty member is responsible for the syllabus, primary material, assignments, and evaluation. All communication and participation is web-based, with the Global Virtual Faculty member remaining in his or her home environment.

Levels of Participation

There are three levels of involvement for the GVF:

♦ Full Semester involvement
This includes participation in a course for a period of three to six weeks. Global Virtual Faculty members who participate in discussions on specific topics within a particular course, rather than throughout the semester, engage in this level of involvement.

♦ Part Semester involvement
This includes participation in a course for a period of three to six weeks. Global Virtual Faculty members who participate in discussions on specific topics within a particular course, rather than throughout the semester, engage in this level of involvement.

♦ Short Term involvement
This involvement can be custom catered on a project-to-project basis.

Compensation

Global Virtual Faculty members receive an honorarium of $500 US for each course in which they complete a Part Semester assignment or $1000 US for each course in which they complete a Full Semester assignment.

Nomination and Participation

Nomination of new GVF members from FDU faculty or current GVF members are always welcomed. Timing a nomination to coincide with an upcoming participation request is most effective. Nominees are considered based on demonstrated intellectual expertise or practical experience in a specific field, their ability to present a unique global perspective, and their ability to communicate in English and adapt to the internet delivery modality.

FDU faculty submit requests for GVF members placement and GVF members are invited to participate prior to, or at the beginning of, the academic semester. FDU faculty are encouraged to include GVF members to their courses; new and innovative approaches to working with GVF members are supported. GVF members have participated through video streaming and live video conferences, and on occasion, faculty have even hosted GVF members for site visits. Meaningful professional collaboration have also developed between FDU faculty and GVF members.
Training, Preparation and Evaluation

The Office of Global Learning provides materials and resources to prepare GVF to participate in on-line courses. FDU faculty partners will advise the GVF of the pedagogies and methods used in a particular course. Whenever possible, the GVF member collaborates with the FDU faculty partner in the planning and delivery of the on-line course components. Participation by all GVF will be coordinated through the Office of Global Learning in collaboration with the relevant academic department/school. At the conclusion of each course in the GVF program, GVF member’s participation will be evaluated by the FDU faculty partner asked to provide feedback on their participation and work with the FDU faculty partner.

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