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TO: Deans, Chairs, and Directors of Academic Departments & Programs at UW-Madison

FROM: Daniel K Gold, Director, International Academic Programs (IAP)

RE: **Program Leader for Summer 2025 UW Global Gateway Program in Ghana**

International Academic Programs (IAP), a unit in the International Division, is accepting applications from faculty who wish to serve as the Program Leader for the UW Global Gateway Program in Ghana during Summer 2025. Please circulate this announcement among your faculty and encourage those interested to apply.

**Applications are due March 27, 2024**

International Academic Programs (IAP), in partnership with the UW-Madison Office of Student Financial Aid, The Division of Diversity, Equity and Educational Achievement, and the African Studies Program, is delighted to offer an exciting academic opportunity for UW-Madison undergraduates called the UW Global Gateway Initiative. UW Global Gateway Programs are short-term, faculty-led programs designed to introduce UW-Madison students to issues of global importance and prepare students for success in an increasingly interconnected world. These programs are open to full-time first and second year UW-Madison undergraduates from all backgrounds and disciplines, and IAP provides each program participant with a Global Gateway Scholarship, covering all billed program costs as well as airfare. Locations, themes, courses, and faculty will vary from year to year to attract as broad a range of students as possible.

Legon, Ghana has been selected as a location for the Summer 2025 Global Gateway Program. The program is administered in cooperation with CIEE, a nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization established in 1947. CIEE staff will help support the Program Leader (PL) with the on-site administration of the program.

The 3-week program (beginning in Ghana after May 21 with travel departing 1-2 days prior) will consist of one 3-credit course connecting topics such as the history, culture, and society of Ghana to ground students' learning in the local context, with broader comparative themes relevant to today's most pressing international issues. The course should be accessible to first- and second-year students from diverse academic backgrounds. Potential themes can be historical and/or contemporary, with a focus on political, cultural, or economic issues. For example, programs could examine topics such as race, migration, diaspora, capitalism, entrepreneurship, governance, public health, geopolitics, art, music, climate change, conservation, or connections across multiple themes. Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged. The PL will be responsible for teaching the course and identifying related activities and excursions suggested from previous Program Leaders and with guidance from CIEE.

In addition to teaching one course on the program, the Program Leader will be responsible for addressing academic and non-academic issues that may come up during the program, particularly in organizing and

leading out-of-class activities and excursions for the participants that complement the coursework, supporting student health and safety, and interacting with students outside of the classroom to maximize their experience. The Program Leader is also responsible for assisting IAP with marketing and recruitment efforts for the program, assisting with the student selection process, and participating in several pre-departure and on-site orientation sessions for participants. After the program completion, the Program Leader will submit a written report and assist IAP with program planning and development efforts for future years of the program.

Applications are welcome from all disciplines and academic departments at UW-Madison. Preference will be given to tenured faculty and faculty with direct academic experience in the program location and region. Applications from faculty who have not previously led study abroad/away programs are encouraged.

For the Program Leader, IAP will provide the following:

- Summer salary calculated on a basis of 1/9<sup>th</sup> of your base salary to a maximum of \$9,500, plus summer fringe benefits, to be disbursed during Summer 2025;
- Per diem only while in travel status to and from the program site for initial arrival and final departure dates;
- One round-trip, economy-class airfare on the group flight with students and associated ground transportation between your home and airports at the program site;
- Housing for the duration of the program in the same hotel as the participants; and
- International health insurance coverage for the duration of the appointment.

Interested faculty should submit electronically a brief letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a course proposal for the PL taught course (one or two short paragraphs will suffice). Submit all application materials to Emma Wasserstrom ([ewasserstrom@wisc.edu](mailto:ewasserstrom@wisc.edu)), IAP Resource Center Coordinator, who can also respond to any questions about the position.