SAIC **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & GLOBAL AWARENESS INFUSION GRANT FOR SPRING 2026

DEADLINE: Monday, October 6th, 2025 by 5:00 pm.

ELIGIBILITY

- Tenured/tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty currently teaching in the degree program at SAIC, are eligible to apply.

- Applications are encouraged for team-taught courses, including from faculty who have received a team-teaching award.

- Modified courses supported by the grant must be taught during the Spring 2026 semester.

- These grants are intended for pre-existing courses only. New courses that require funding resources must be submitted via the New Course Proposal process.

- Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant applications must be reviewed and approved by the chair of the department in which the course will be taught prior to submission. Applications without this approval will not be considered.

- Applicants must be in compliance with SAIC required trainings and have fulfilled credential documentation requirements.

Required trainings can be accessed by logging into the Bridge Learning System. Courses to complete include: (1) Preventing Discrimination Harassment; (2) Preventing Sexual Abuse and Neglect of Students and Minors; and (3) Preventing Sexual Misconduct (Title IX).

AWARD

The Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant, formerly Diversity Infusion Grant, supports the research and resources necessary to make structural changes to courses that broaden, refresh, and address SAIC's curricular requirements to advance students' social responsibility and global awareness. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion created the SAIC Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant (SRGAIG) to enrich the teaching and learning environment for SAIC faculty and students. The funds are intended to support faculty members who wish to incorporate more inclusive and accessible reading selections, a greater variety of global images, inclusive pedagogy, training/education on skills/practices related to social responsibility, and/or development of global perspective-oriented assignments in their courses.

Grantees will receive up to $1,000 to support this work, including research and redesigning their course syllabi. Grantees will be notified of their award and how to access these funds on or around early December 2025 for courses taking place in Spring 2026.

Grantees will be notified of their award and how to access these funds on or around January 5, 2026 for courses taking place in the Spring 2026 semester.

Should the grantee choose to receive their award as a one-time payment dispersed through regular payroll, it will be subject to supplemental payroll taxes. Recipients are encouraged to

keep records and receipts of associated expenses to submit with their individual year-end tax returns.

Following the receipt of the Social Responsibility and Global Awareness Infusion grant recipients will be required to:

- Submit a syllabus reflecting the proposed curricular changes by email to SAICdei@saic.edu, two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which the course will be taught. The modified syllabus will be shared with the Grant Review Committee for review.

- Participate in a public discussion about the modifications and expected learning outcomes at the conclusion of the award semester. Research, images, readings, and other resources that are included in the updated syllabus as a result of the grant will be collected and added to the Flaxman Libraries' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Readings list. The revised syllabi will be posted publicly so that they are accessible to the SAIC community.

- Provide a short, written narrative to the Grant Review Committee, following the end of the course, on how the curricular changes impacted the course experiences for the faculty member and their students.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due on or before Monday, October 6, 2025 by 5:00 pm.

To apply, complete the [Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant Form](#).

You must be logged into your SAIC email account to complete the form and apply. If you have any technical difficulty, including problems accessing the form, please contact the CRIT Help Desk by calling 312.345.3535 or crithelpdesk@saic.edu. The form can also be accessed by pasting the link below into your browser:

https://forms.gle/BQkLVH684mo1Gvnq5

Please convert all word documents into PDFs before uploading. Required files to upload include:

1) 500-word proposal with a plan for changes and the impact those changes will have on your course and learning outcomes.
2) Budget information that includes your plan for using the funds. (Past recipients have used this funding for inviting artists, designers, and scholars for student engagement in the classroom, purchasing books, materials, travel to research sites, and educational resources or workshops.)
3) The original syllabus of the course to be redesigned.
4) Current CV.
5) Email from the chair of the department in which the course will be taught, indicating that they have reviewed the course proposal for the SRGAIG Grant and support the proposed course changes as recommended by the applicant.
6) For tenured/tenure-track Faculty Only: Service and/or contributions to the school community performed over the past three academic years. Tenured/tenure-track faculty should include a list of all service performed for the school over the current and prior two academic years (with dates).

REVIEW PROCESS

All Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant applications are reviewed and awarded by the SRGAIG Review Committee.

Priority consideration is given to applicants who have not received a Diversity Infusion Grant, now Social Responsibility & Global Awareness Infusion Grant, within the previous two years. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Award recipients and their department chairs are contacted via e-mail in early December 2025.

CONTACT

If you have any questions or need support in making curricular changes to any of your courses to support the learning, retention and success of SAIC students, please email Vaness Cox at vcox1@saic.edu.