The **Illinois Strategic International Partnerships (ISIP)** initiative and its pilot project **INSPIRE—Illinois-Sweden Program for Educational and Research Exchange** (**http://inspire.illinois.edu**) invite proposals from current faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for funding in support of collaborative research projects and/or cooperative educational programs that will strengthen our existing partnerships with **KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm University,** and/or **Karolinska Institutet.**

Support will be made available from the central campus administration, through International Programs and Studies and ISIP, to fund traveling and lodging costs, expenses associated with hosting visiting faculty, researchers, or students from the partner institutions, or other expenses aimed at identifying, implementing, and expanding upon academic collaborations that will advance and enhance the goals of INSPIRE, as well as further institutional goals of the partnering institutions.

Grants will be given in one of two categories. **Initiation and Development Grants** will support visits and activities aimed at exploring and identifying potential collaborative activities, and then developing specific action plans for their implementation. **Implementation Grants** will support visits and activities by personnel with well-established links to colleagues, departments, or research units at the Swedish partner institution(s), to directly engage in collaborative research or cooperative educational activities.

Priority will be given to proposals that

- expand on existing relationships and engagement with colleagues at one or more of the partnering Swedish institutions. Each proposed project should have at least two co-principal investigators, one (or more) from Illinois and one (or more) from the partnering Swedish institution(s). Co-PIs will typically apply for in-kind support from their home institutions' central international offices in conjunction with the application to ISIP/INSPIRE.

- have specific, articulated and demonstrable goals and outcomes. These may take a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, jointly authored papers in high impact academic publications, joint presentations at scholarly meetings and conferences, joint research symposia, co-developed and/or co-taught classes, jointly developed curricula, structured cooperative study abroad experiences, joint public engagement and service activities, etc.

- are endorsed and supported by the Illinois PI's home department and college, with some departmental or college level contribution of financial or other resources.

- demonstrate the potential to be ongoing and self-sustaining through external funding, student program fees, or other sources, and articulate plans to acquire this ongoing support.

- involve participation by Illinois graduate and/or undergraduate students, preferably in ways that will be directly applicable towards participating students' progress towards attaining their Illinois degrees.

Applications should be submitted to the office of **Illinois Strategic International Partnerships (ISIP),** and should include:

- A completed ISIP application form (http://inspire.illinois.edu/Documents/INSPIRE%20application.docx).

- A projected timeline of activities and budget of anticipated expenditures.

- A letter of support and endorsement by the relevant department head and/or disciplinary college at Illinois.

- A letter of support and endorsement by the co-principal investigator(s) at the partnering Swedish institution(s).

- A letter of support and endorsement by the central international offices and/or INSPIRE liaison at the partnering Swedish institution(s).

Application materials should be submitted to:

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PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED START DATE FOR THE COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY

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