

## ABSTRACT

### **The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC) Consortium**

#### **An Undergraduate National Resource Center and FLAS Program**

Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) and Georgia State University (GSU) propose a new four-year project to establish and operate a U-NRC, the Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC) consortium, to offer comprehensive programs in international education and LCTLs, and to administer FLAS Fellowships to undergraduate and graduate students. The combined strengths and unique yet complementary strategic missions of the Consortium partners GT and GSU, located less than a mile apart in downtown Atlanta, mirror both the demographic diversity and high-tech context of their urban setting: GT is the state's flagship STEM university and a world leader in innovative-technology problem-solving; and GSU, a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) under Title III and V of the HEA, specializes in urban education and research with an international, multi-ethnic, and multicultural focus, including a five-campus community college and teacher training programs. The Consortium's activities will prioritize a diverse set of perspectives on international issues, engage a range of constituents, and generate robust debate through its varied programming. The Center will collaborate with Emory University (Emory), a top ranked private liberal arts university, and Spelman College (Spelman), one of only two HBCU's in the U.S. serving women. (*AP 1, AP2, CPPI, CPP2*)

AGSC's project is organized under the framing concept of Global Sustainable Development, with a focus on the pedagogy of intercultural Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in STEM and language education and on Global Career Preparedness that will serve a wide array of national needs in education of LCTLs including in the k-12 and security sectors. The Center integrates faculty expertise in cross-regional area studies, global studies, and language instruction, including in eleven priority languages and associated world regions designated as meeting national need. AGSC builds on the deep and integrated connectivity between faculty, staff, students, and academic programs at the consortium partners. Our location in Atlanta's diverse and growing educational and cultural setting allows AGSC to enhance undergraduate programming through cross-enrollment at several institutions simultaneously, and with great diversity. Course sharing through ARCHE (Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education) increases access to underrepresented groups. The Center's activities will also have widespread and meaningful impact on the K-12 sector (especially Dual Language Immersion education). Through its programming, the Center will increase knowledge of global and cross-regional area studies issues in collaboration with international organizations, consulates, refugee organizations, and institutions of public service and higher education in the Southeast, including other Title VI Centers, and nationally through widespread dissemination of results that will reach a range of audiences, including policy makers.

AGSC will support new or enhanced language and international studies initiatives relevant to cross-regional study of Africa (Portuguese; Arabic; Swahili, and Wolof), Asia (Chinese Mandarin, Hindi, Korean, Japanese), Europe (Arabic, French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish), Latin America (Portuguese and Spanish), and the Middle East (Arabic, Hebrew, and Persian) to the benefit of community college, postsecondary students, and the K-12 community.