GUIDELINES FOR EDGS PROPOSALS

Who EDGS supports
Except for awards intended for non-NU guests or associates, EDGS resources are intended as direct support to tenure-line faculty and NU students.

Outsourcing and co-researchers
Most of the resources EDGS provides should be used for research or academic activities conducted directly by the NU applicant. A small portion of the funds can be used for assistance from outside organizations or services. If there are principal investigators from other institutions, EDGS expects to see evidence that they are also contributing proportional resources to the project.

Research assistants
EDGS allows one quarter of funding for research assistants in faculty research grant proposals. However, the role of the RA must be substantive and analytical.

Salaries, honoraria, and fees
Budgets should consist mainly of reimbursable direct costs for research, conferences, or symposia. EDGS does not provide regular salary, summer salary, course buyouts, or supplement sabbatical support. Honoraria should not exceed $200 and are limited to NU campus visitors giving public lectures or participating in book conferences. Participants in symposia and conferences are not paid honoraria. EDGS does not pay fees to research participants, subjects, or sources.

Other support
Support from other sources is a favorable indicator. However, it is not required. EDGS is often the lead, sole, or initial funder.

Disbursement
Most EDGS funding is provided on a reimbursement basis following NU policies on documentation and records. If there are major outlays (such as for international flights), arrangements can be made for EDGS to pay these directly.

EDGS engagement
Applicants are not required to demonstrate a prior engagement with EDGS programs and activities. However, proposals from those who are actively involved with EDGS are viewed favorably.

Other Guidelines
Read the descriptions under each funding category for any additional guidelines or requirements.

STATEMENT FROM THE RAJAWALI FOUNDATION
EDGS is funded by a generous gift from the Rajawali Foundation in Jakarta, Indonesia. The statement below offers insights into the kinds of research and academic activities the Foundation seeks to support. EDGS is an independent academic program, and thus not narrowly constrained by its donors. But EDGS works closely with the Foundation because it shares many of its goals and motivations, which are also reflected in the program’s core themes.

From the Rajawali Foundation

While the world is becoming a more equal place if we take countries as the unit of analysis, most developing countries are becoming less equal in terms of income and most other key indicators. This trend has accelerated during the most recent period of globalization dating from the early 1980s. The Rajawali Foundation is concerned that in a globalized world, people who have the right skills, assets, and connections will join global and national elites that have access to quality essential services, enjoy civil and political rights, and (increasingly) pay for their own physical security. Meanwhile, people who depend on government for access to health and education services, physical security, and protection of their rights will fall into a less favored category. They will depend on their own resources, on family, and on voluntary organizations. In a word, we are witnessing the end of equality as a motivating concept of nationalism and development. Mobility between these two worlds has become more rather than less difficult. These trends concern us. We are very interested in research that helps understand these trends and can assist in reorienting government policies in the developing and industrialized worlds. As long as it helps us understand these issues, this research need not be in Indonesia or Southeast Asia. We hope that the research will raise awareness about the links between globalization and inequalities in the developing world. Official donor agencies have not paid sufficient attention to these matters. For the most part they have a different view that is broadly informed by the interests of donor and recipient governments. They are often wary of the public provision of essential services and are more concerned about “doing business” and “competitiveness” indicators than economic equality and human rights. We hope that organizations funded by the Rajawali Foundation will not feel constrained by these approaches and donor-inspired programs.

We strongly encourage path breaking work on the impact of globalization and development on inequalities in the developing world, and prospects for promoting a notion of citizenship based on economic, social, political, and civil rights.