OHIO Fund Encourages Faculty to Pursue International Scholarship

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In the sweltering August heat, southern Ohio can feel like a tropical jungle. But for Glenn Matlack, tropical ecologist and assistant professor of plant biology, the Appalachian Ohio climate just doesn’t cut it for his professional research.

"For a tropical ecologist like myself, direct access to tropical regions is essential," he said.

That's why last spring, as he was planning a research expedition to Ghana to gather information on lesser-studied tropical systems and how humans affect them, Matlack appealed to the University International Council for help.

For more than fifteen years, the University International Council at Ohio University has been dedicated to fostering international education and exploration. The International Travel fund, an award granted to faculty pursuing work internationally, is one of the council's committees. For full story click here.