

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD

IDEAS
INCREASE & DIVERSIFY
EDUCATION ABROAD
FOR U.S. STUDENTS



The Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad, also known as **IDEAS (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students)**, seeks to expand higher education institutions' capacity to grow and diversify study abroad programs for U.S. students through the provision of grants and capacity building activities. Each year, IDEAS awards approximately 20 grants of up to \$35,000 to competitively selected U.S. colleges and universities from across the United States. The program also offers U.S. colleges and universities opportunities to participate in a series of study abroad capacity building activities, both virtual and in-person, to help create, expand, or diversify their study abroad programs.

IDEAS GRANTS HIGHLIGHTS

From 2019 to 2021, IDEAS provided grants to **72** U.S. higher education institutions to help build and strengthen their capacity to send more - and more diverse - American students overseas to destinations across all world regions.

33%

grants support
**MINORITY SERVING
INSTITUTIONS**

18%

grants support
**COMMUNITY
COLLEGES**

35

U.S. states
**+ DC AND PUERTO RICO
REPRESENTED**

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We have already started using the grant to expand outreach to promote study abroad and the response from students is inspiring. They are keen to plan their international journey now, so when the restrictions are lifted and it is safe enough to travel, they will be ready.”

—**Dafina Blacksher Diabate**

Director, Office of International Programs
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania,
2020 Grantee & HBCU

As a result of 2019 and 2020 IDEAS grants:

412

**FACULTY
ENGAGED**

60+

**CAMPUS & VIRTUAL
EVENTS CONDUCTED**

37

**SYLLABI
DEVELOPED**

25

**COURSES
DEVELOPED**

IDEAS anticipates that because of these program outputs, **more than 4,000** U.S. students will be impacted and exposed to study abroad opportunities over the next five years.

ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT EXAMPLES

Here are several illustrative project examples from past grantee proposals:

- Create a faculty-led study abroad program
- Create a study abroad position or office
- Develop study abroad resources, programs, or materials targeting student groups underrepresented in study abroad
- Develop virtual exchange models and programs



IDEAS INITIATIVES

IDEAS offers several free initiatives for grantees and the wider study abroad community to expand and diversify U.S. student mobility abroad. IDEAS hosts webinars and workshops on current relevant topics including virtual international programming and faculty-led study abroad. The overall goal of IDEAS Initiatives is to convey best practices in study abroad capacity building, increase knowledge sharing and networking, and provide capacity building resources to the wider U.S. study abroad community.

IDEAS Webinars hosted in 2020 reached over **1600 attendees** in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT

Frederick Community College

Location: Frederick, Maryland

Destination: Ghana

Foreign Policy Goal Addressed: Countering Disinformation, Public Health, Economic Development & Entrepreneurship

Four faculty members without prior study abroad experience traveled to Ghana to establish connections that will support future programs. The courses established will serve over 1000 students.

“I came back from Ghana a new person...I have been able to take my experiences and add to my [course] content. It has made me a better professor and person as a whole.”

*- Professor Shemica Sheppard,
English Department, 2019 Grantee*

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY GOALS

Projects developed by IDEAS Grant recipient institutions address one or more of the following foreign policy goals:



COUNTERING DISINFORMATION



DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



PUBLIC HEALTH



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