







Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad

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Connect with the WORLD

Train global **LEADERS**

The Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by World Learning. The initiative 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.

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, World Learning manages a competitive review process to award 21 grants of up to \$35,000 to selected higher education institutions in the United States. The program will also offer U.S. colleges and universities opportunities to participate in a series of study abroad capacity building activities, both virtual and inperson, to help create, expand, or diversify their study abroad programs.



PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOMES



Diversify American student mobility, both in terms of the students taking part and the destinations where they travel.



Increase the number of U.S. undergraduate students studying or interning abroad for credit.



Gain access to study abroad best practices through an inperson community and virtual library of resources.

WHAT WE SEEK IN PROSPECTIVE U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION GRANT COMPETITION APPLICANTS

A clearly articulated plan to build institutional capacity to expand and/or diversify U.S. students who study abroad.

A plan for study abroad program sustainability after grant funding ends.

A monitoring and evaluation plan that tracks key data points regarding student and destination diversity, establishes benchmarks and has measurable objectives.

A realistic budget that demonstrates cost effectiveness.

Commitment to participating in capacity building activities and active engagement in community networks.



Prospective higher education institutions should consult studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org for important information concerning the grant competition's application and selection process. Please contact academicexchange@worldlearning.org to share your higher education institution's contact information to receive information about the upcoming virtual and in-person study abroad capacity building trainings.