CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD

Grant Competition Webinar
February 21, 2019
3:00pm-4:00pm EST
AGENDA

• Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad  
  o Program Staff  
  o World Learning  
  o U.S. Department of State/ECA  
• Program Introduction  
• Grant Competition and Application Walkthrough  
• Questions?
Program Staff

World Learning

• Luisa Angelsey – Interim Program Director
• Megan Zacher – Senior Program Associate
• Amy Fisher Bruey – Program Director (on parental leave until March 2019)

Contact us: AcademicExchange@worldlearning.org

Please include “CB-SA 2019 Application” in the subject line
WORLD LEARNING

- Established in 1932
- Mission: Create a more peaceful and just world thought education, development, and exchange.
- World Learning
  - The Experiment in International Living
  - School for International Training (SIT)
  - Global Programs
- Headquarters: Brattleboro, VT and Washington, DC
- Global Exchange
  - 64 active grants, participants from 162 countries, 200 staff
About the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)’s mission at the U.S. Department of State is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange that assist in the development of peaceful relations. ECA is committed to fairness, equity and inclusion, and its programs strive to reflect the diversity of the United States and global society.

55,000 participants engage in exchange programs funded by ECA annually

15,000 American participants travel abroad on exchanges each year

101 U.S. public and private non-profit institutions funded

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Study Abroad as Diplomacy

ECA’s USA Study Abroad branch advances foreign policy goals by increasing and diversifying U.S. study abroad through programs for both individuals and institutions.

- Americans studying abroad connect with their peers, share U.S. cultures and values, and build the people-to-people relationships that are the bedrock of diplomacy.

- Studying abroad helps our future leaders develop the skills and networks they need to advance national security, economic prosperity, and a more peaceful and democratic world.

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A program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, USA Study Abroad

Seeking to expand higher education institutions’ capacity to grow and diversify study abroad programs for U.S. students
• Increase number of students studying abroad
• Diversify American student mobility
• Expand U.S. Study Abroad capacity

Grant Competition
• Launched February 14, 2019
• Approx. 21 grants of up to $35,000/each

Capacity Building Initiatives
• Virtual and in-person, open to U.S. HEIs
THE GRANT COMPETITION

Recipients will implement projects to create, expand, and/or diversify study abroad at their U.S. higher education institutions, leading to more inclusive and impactful study abroad programming.

Examples of the types of projects that applicants may propose include, but are not limited to:

- Create a faculty-led study abroad program,
- Create a new study abroad position or office at the college or university,
- Support minority student participation in study abroad,
- Provide resources for students with disabilities to study abroad,
- Create programming for students in underrepresented study abroad majors,
- Form or further develop relationships with universities in a wide variety of international locations, and/or
- Create or enhance study abroad programs around U.S. foreign policy priority theme areas such as cybersecurity, entrepreneurship, human rights, food security, STEAM, and public health.

For U.S. HEIs with higher levels of existing study abroad capacity that propose to expand and/or diversify their study abroad programming, preference may be given to applications that also address one or more of the U.S. foreign policy goals on page 3 of the Request for Grant Proposals.
THE GRANT PROPOSAL

- Technical Proposal
- Budget Documents
- RFGP P.4-8
**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

- Cover Page
- Executive Summary
- Program Description
  1. Statement of Need
     A. Capacity Building Plan
     B. Project Activities
     C. Logic Model
  2. Sustainability Plan
  3. Project Management Plan
- Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
- Calendar of Activities (Work Plan)
- CVs (2 max)
• Budget Summary (submit in Excel)
• Detailed Budget (submit in Excel)
  o Personnel
  o Fringe
  o Consultants/Contractual
  o Travel and Transportation
  o Supplies
  o Activities
  o Indirect Costs
• Budget Narrative
GRANT PROPOSAL TIPS

- Demonstrate a strong and sustainable plan for creating, expanding, and/or diversifying U.S. study abroad at the institution that leads to increasing the number of U.S. students who study abroad in the near term.
- Commitment to participating in capacity building activities.
- M&E plan that tracks key data points regarding student and destination diversity, establishes benchmarks, and has measurable objectives.
- A realistic budget that demonstrates cost effectiveness.
  - Proposals may not include requests for funding to cover student scholarships, student travel, or travel to the U.S. for faculty and/or staff at higher education institutions overseas.
ELIGIBILITY

- All accredited U.S. colleges and universities
  - 2- and 4-year; public, private
  - All levels of study abroad experience and capacity
  - MSIs and community colleges
- Proposals must support primarily undergraduate students
- Funding cannot support student scholarships
- Proposals to locations with U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory Level 3 must outline safety and security procedures
THE APPLICATION PORTAL

New User Registration

First Name

Last Name

Email

reCAPTCHA

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Forgot Your Password?  |  New User?

Begin New Application

To begin your application for the Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad grant competition, please click 'Begin Application' below.

Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad
To download a copy of the Request for Grant Proposals please click on the following link:
http://www.studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org/

Program Language:  English
Application Due Date:  3/29/2015

Begin Application
Filling Out Your Application

- The application is divided into several different sections. You must complete all sections and all required fields before submitting the application.
- Required fields are marked with a red bar. All required fields must be completed prior to submitting your application.
- Use the tabs at the top of the page to move through the application sections.
- Use the "Save" button at the bottom of each page to save your work. We recommend that you click "Save" often. You will lose your work if you leave a page without clicking "Save" first. If a tab cannot be saved, you will receive a message describing the problem. Correct the problem and try to save again.
- Tracking Your Application - On the bottom right of this page and on the Submit tab, you will see your progress in the application.
- The page will timeout after 2 hours of inactivity.

Submit Application

- Please remember that you must complete all required questions AND click submit before the deadline in order to be considered.
- When you have completed the application, go to the "Submit" tab and submit your application. You will receive a confirmation email to let you know that your application was successfully received.
- You will not be able to make edits to your application once you have submitted it.
- You will be notified if your application was selected to receive a grant in May 2019.

Questions

- For any other questions or information, please email us at academicexchange@worldlearning.org

Application Status

- Contact: 100%
- Grant Proposal: 100%
- Federal Award Experience: 100%
Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad

Application Due Date: Mar. 29, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS CONTACT GRANT PROPOSAL FEDERAL AWARD EXPERIENCE SUBMIT

Application Status

Contact 90%
Grant Proposal 0%
Federal Award Experience 0%

Submit Application

By checking this box, I confirm that all of the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Submit
APPLICATION PORTAL TIPS

• Read through the “Application Instructions”
• If you forget your password, do not continue guessing your password
• Your session will time out after 2 hours of inactivity
• Complete all of the required fields
• Grant Proposal Tab:
  o Combine the cover page, executive summary, and program description into one document for upload
  o Combine CVs into one document for upload
  o Upload 2 budget documents:
    ▪ Doc 1: Budget summary and detailed budget (Excel workbook)
    ▪ Doc 2: Budget narrative
• Ensure all of the sections show 100% progress before submitting the application
• After the application is submitted, you can review but not edit
• Email us if you have questions: AcademicExchange@worldlearning.org
SELECTION PROCESS

• Evaluation criteria and scoring (p. 9-10)
  o Program Description (40 points)
  o Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (25 points)
  o Calendar of Activities (15 points)
  o Budget (20 points)
• Other factors to be considered:
  o Institutional and regional diversity
  o Diversity in the types of programs selected for funding
• Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel
• Final approval given by U.S. Department of State
IMPORTANT DATES

• FAQs Posted: February 27, 2019
• Application Close: March 29, 2019, 11:59pm Eastern Time
  • Awardees Notified: May 2019
• Grant Period: July 2019-May 2020
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

• Assist with development of topics for virtual and in-person capacity building activities
• Identify interested subject matter experts to present at or assist with activities
• Closing date: March 29th

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