



## CALL FOR SELECTION PANELISTS FOR THE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD'S GRANTS COMPETITION

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**Closing Date: February 13, 2020**

Dear Colleagues,

On December 11, 2020, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs launched a grant competition for accredited U.S. colleges and universities under the Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad, also known as the IDEAS Program (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students) a program funded by USA Study Abroad in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and supported in its implementation by World Learning.

Under this award, World Learning is inviting members of the study abroad community in the United States to participate in selection panels that will review and recommend applications for funding by the U.S. Department of State. Individuals who are interested in participating in the review panels should apply by February 13, 2020. Click here <https://airtable.com/shr3QOGsSJSIwjPFB> to apply.

The IDEAS Program grant competition is open to all accredited two- and four-year U.S. institutions of higher education. The program seeks to engage the full diversity of U.S. higher education, including community colleges and Minority Serving Institutions. U.S. colleges and universities are invited to submit proposals for projects to create, expand, and/or diversify their outbound study abroad programs for primarily undergraduate students (though programming may also benefit graduate students). Successful applicants must demonstrate a strong and sustainable plan for creating, expanding, and/or diversifying study abroad at their institution that leads to increasing the number of U.S. undergraduate students who study abroad in the near term. The grants competition closes on February 28, 2020. The Request for Grant Proposals is available on the IDEAS Program website <http://www.studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org/>.

World Learning is recruiting panelists to participate in virtual review panels of the IDEAS grant applications. Each reviewer will individually evaluate no more than ten applications according to their own availability between March 11th and March 25th, 2020. Following the individual review, reviewers will participate a 90-minute virtual panel with three other reviewers between April 1st and April 15th, 2020. The specific time of the review panel will be agreed upon by the panelists. World Learning and the U.S. Department of State will consider the panelists' recommendations, which will ultimately lead to a final selection of a minimum of 21 grant applications to be funded under the program. ECA expects to announce the grantees in late May 2020.

World Learning is looking for a broad representation of participants from the U.S. study abroad community to be panelists. Following are the criteria for selection of panelists:



- Panelists can be from any accredited U.S. higher education institution or study abroad provider in the United States
- Demonstrated experience administering and/or leading international education programs
- Be willing and able to objectively review and evaluate no more than ten 18-page applications that are inclusive of a technical proposal and budget documents within a 2-week period
- Panelists must not have a conflict of interest which may include, but is not limited to:
- Panelists whose home institution is applying for a grant under the program must recuse him or herself from reviewing the proposal
- Panelists must not be listed as consultants/contractors in an applicants' proposal or stand to benefit financially from a successful proposal in any way

Prospective panelists are invited to complete a brief application form by clicking on the following link: <https://airtable.com/shr3QOGsSJSIwjPFB>. Please upload a copy of your CV as part of your application. The application process should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. You will be notified of the selection on or about [February 21st](#). Questions concerning this opportunity should be submitted by email to [IDEASProgram@worldlearning.org](mailto:IDEASProgram@worldlearning.org). Please include "Review Panels" in the subject line.

Thank you for your consideration of this initiative and for your interest in study abroad opportunities.

Sincerely,  
The IDEAS Team