



IDEAS Program 2021-2022 Event Series
Priorities for a Return to Student Mobility

Session 1: Working With Partners to Assess and Manage Risk

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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IDEAS Program

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

Seeking to expand higher education institutions' capacity to grow and diversify study abroad programs for U.S. students

- Increase number of students studying abroad from underrepresented groups
- Increase the number of U.S. higher education institutions offering study abroad programs
- Expand study abroad to new overseas destinations, particularly those that are less common

Grant Competition

- Approx. 20 grants of up to \$35,000

Capacity Building Initiatives

- Virtual and in-person, open to everyone



USA Study Abroad



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Mission:

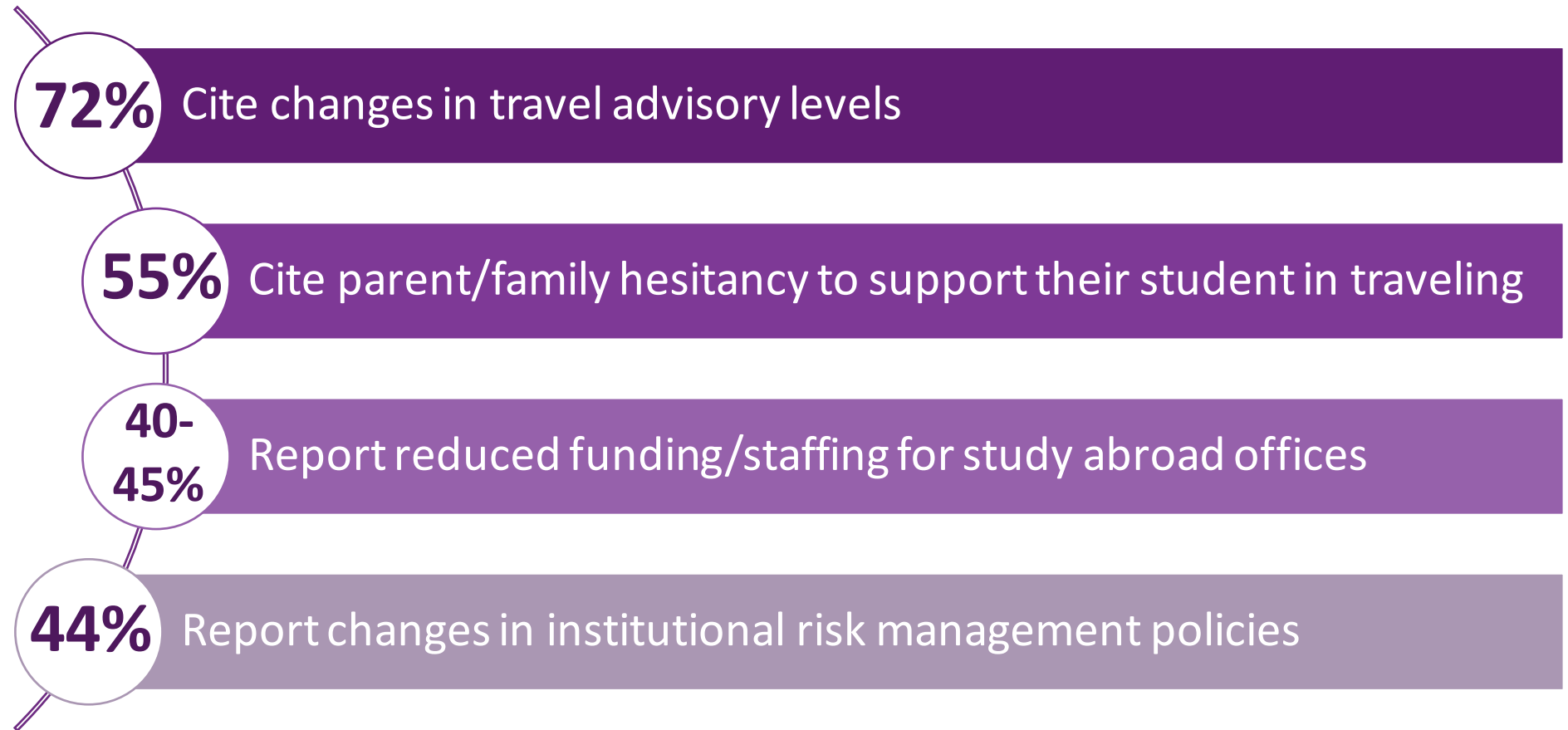
To advance U.S. foreign policy goals by increasing and diversifying U.S. study abroad through programs for both individuals and institutions and to support the next generation of diverse American leaders to gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a globalizing world.

IDEAS Program 2021 Study Abroad Needs Assessment

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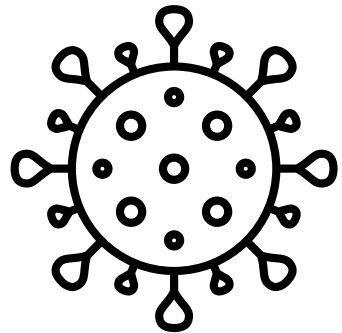
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Challenges

Return to
Student
Mobility



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29%

Cite safety concerns (outside of COVID-19) as a barrier to student mobility

49%

Cite continuing concerns related to COVID-19 as a barrier to student mobility

3.5x

Increase from 2019 to 2021 in requests for training on managing safety, security, and emergency situations abroad

Speakers

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Andrea Bordeaux,
Director of Global
Safety and Security
at Vanderbilt
University



Susan Carty,
Director of the
Office of Overseas
Study at Indiana
University



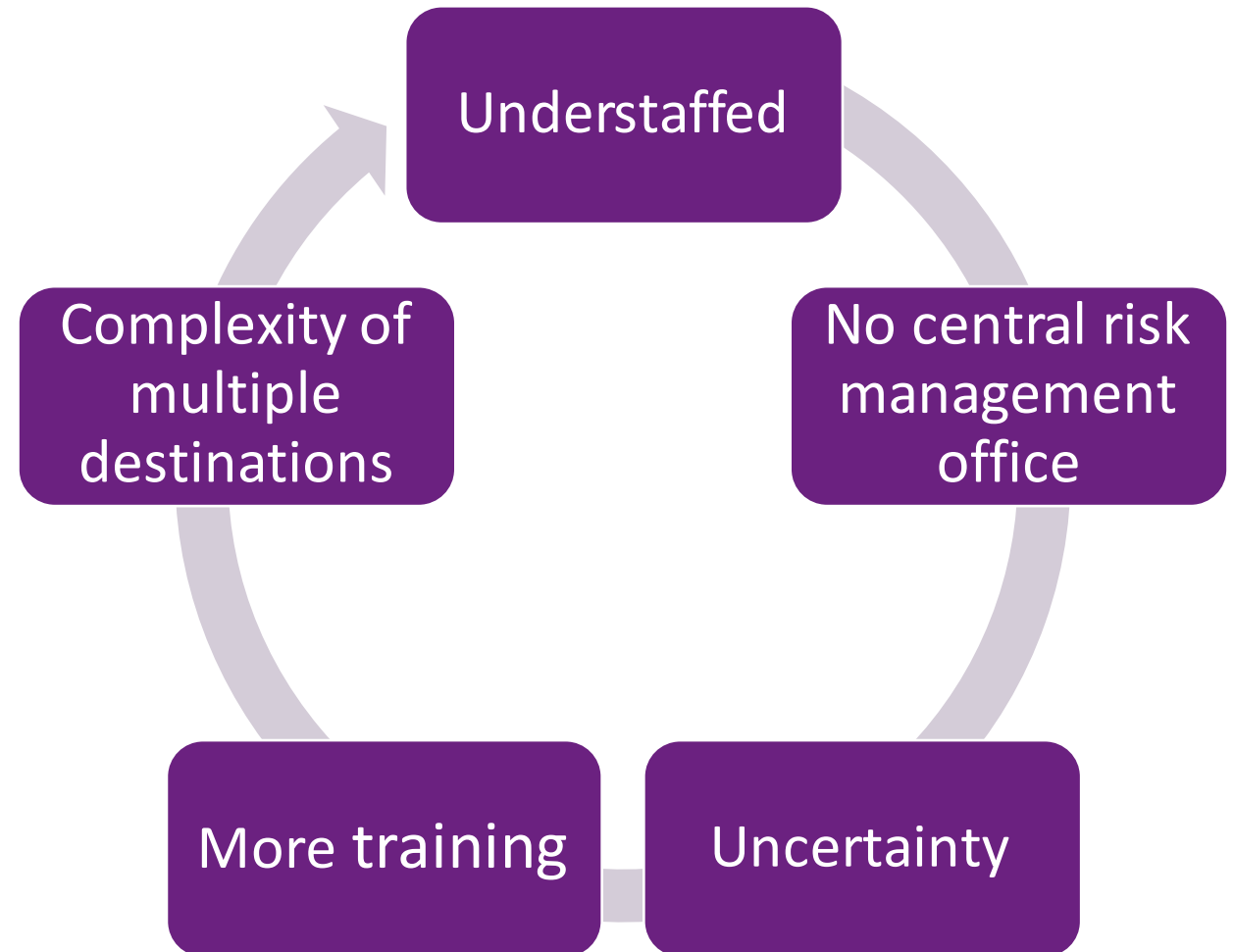
Ben Levy, Director of
International
Education (SIO) at
Ramapo College



Kevin Reagan,
Director of Business
Development,
Americas at Anvil
Group

Registrant Recap

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“Waterfall” Chat

Complete this sentence in a few words:



In regard to risk management at my institution, I really wish _____ .

Type your response into the chat but DO NOT press enter.

Ramapo College of New Jersey

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- Current enrollment: 5,742
- No dedicated Risk Manager(s)
- Comprehensive Internationalization Center
- Student Mobility: ~250/year
 - 4.5% of enrolled students; 16% by graduation
 - Surpass national and state benchmarks in student participation and diversity
 - Programs for all levels
- Recipient of IDEAS Grant in 2019



Pre-COVID-19 Global Pandemic Risk Approach



Cross-campus
committee (IRAC)

Recommendations
to President's
Cabinet

Clear Policies,
Procedures, and
Structures

Current Risk Assessment / Management Approach

Campus-wide Pandemic Team

- Exclusion of international team
- Appetite for risk has become more conservative
- Establishment of “red lines” where there were not prior

Program Approval

Partner programs

- approved with waiver

Faculty-led programs

- Case-by-case basis

“New” College Policies

- Entry requirements
- Vaccine requirement
- COVID mitigation plans for each site
- Dilemma – domestic vs. international

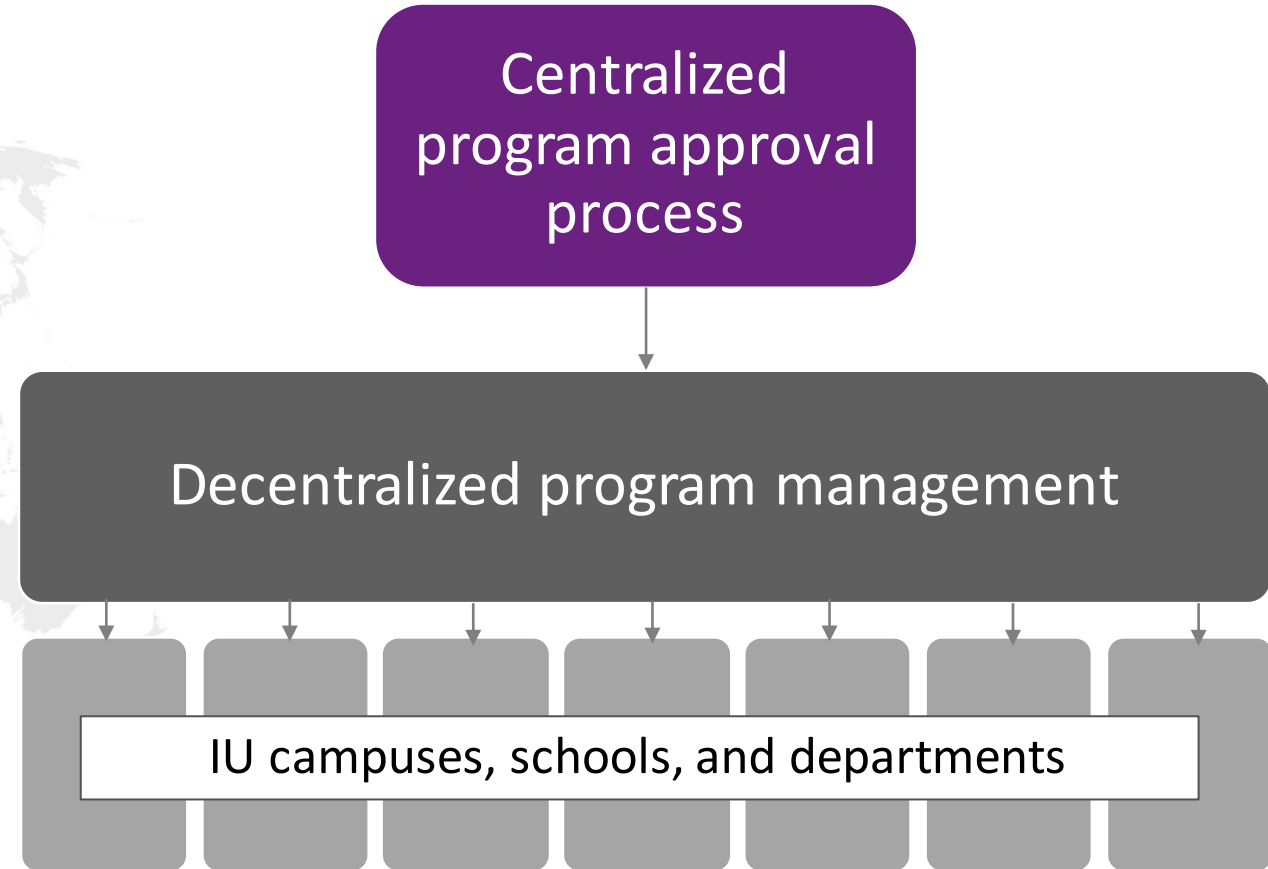
Indiana University

Overseas Study in 2018-19

- 4,464 credit + 461 non-credit IU students abroad
- Over 90 countries
- Recipient of IDEAS grant in 2019



IU Bloomington
Open Doors Top 10



New Protocols and Associated Resources : **INTERNAL**



Suspension of traditional policies

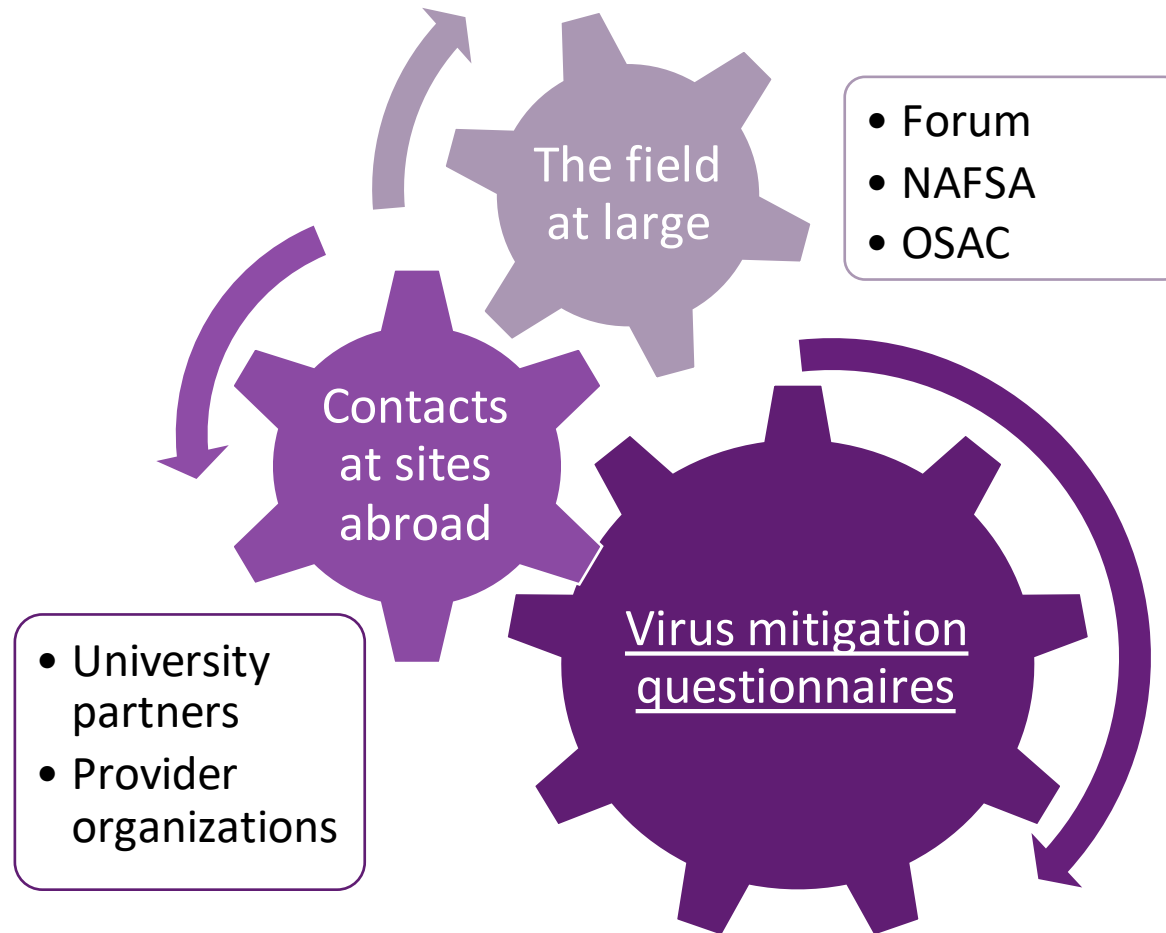
- University legal counsel
- University risk management officials



Implementation of new policy

- University infectious disease specialists
- University public health officials

New Protocols and Associated Resources : **EXTERNAL**



Anvil Group International Health Services

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The changed post
pandemic
occupational and
travel health
environment

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- Improved understanding of health and safety concerns and their impact on workers, the workplace and travellers beyond minimal regulatory and legal frameworks
- Organisational review of workplace health focus and desire to harmonise services
- Emergence of new services

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COVID-19 related services

Educational Tools

- COVID [microsite](#)
- Fact sheets
- Webinars
- Live Q&A sessions with doctors and epidemiologists

Risk Assessments

- Site risk assessments
- Health and safety, industrial hygiene, OSHA (&CALOSHA), human resources compliance checks

Individual Risk Assessment

- COVID age
- Travel clearance

Post-pandemic services

Risk Prediction

- Individual pre-travel mental health assessments and counselling services
- Pre-travel health risk assessments and mitigation strategies
- Medical emergency response planning
- Epidemiological reports

Prevention of Ill Health and Injury

- Medical Director embed services
- Return to workplace COVID live Q&A sessions
- Return to travel webinars
- Winter preparation webinars
- Pre-travel medical consultations and health care planning

Proactive Management of Ill Health and Injury

- Early intervention
- 24/7 global clinician led service

Recommendations & Resources

- Lean on your travel assistance providers (health, safety, and security)
- Collaborate with colleagues across department and across institutions (state-wide, peer institutions, etc.)
- Utilize resources in the field
 - [OSAC](#)
 - Study abroad Industry groups
 - Program partners

Discussion



FUTURE IDEAS PROGRAM INITIATIVES

FY21 Grant Competition

Webinars

Workshops



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Links shared during live webinar

- [IDEAS Program 2021 Study Abroad Needs Assessment](#)
- Ramapo College [policies](#) and [resources](#)
- Indiana University [policies](#) and [resources](#)
- [Anvil's COVID micro-site](#)
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