

IDEAS

INCREASE & DIVERSIFY EDUCATION ABROAD FOR U.S. STUDENTS



The **IDEAS (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students) Program** 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, the IDEAS Program awards 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, and/or diversify their study abroad programs.

IDEAS GRANTS HIGHLIGHTS

From 2019 to 2022, IDEAS provided grants to **116** 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.

38%

grants support
**MINORITY SERVING
INSTITUTIONS**

22%

grants support
**COMMUNITY
COLLEGES**

46

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

As a result of IDEAS grants:

412

**FACULTY
ENGAGED**

60+

**CAMPUS & VIRTUAL
EVENTS CONDUCTED**

37

**SYLLABI
DEVELOPED**

25

**COURSES
DEVELOPED**

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We have achieved all our program objectives and significantly increased engagement with study abroad programs. We hope our work will have a long-term impact on the participation of Sagrado students, as well as Hispanics across the U.S. in study abroad programming.”

—Laurie Melin

*Director of Internationalization
& Inter-University Relations
University of Sagrado Corazon, 2020
Grantee & Hispanic-Serving Institution*

The IDEAS Program 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

Illustrative project examples from past grantee proposals include:

- 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

GRANTEE HIGHLIGHT

Centralia College

Location: Centralia, WA

Destination: Taiwan

Foreign Policy Goal Addressed: Democracy and Human Rights; Energy and Natural Resources; Economic Development and Entrepreneurship; Public Health

This community college will use its IDEAS Grant to establish its first-ever study abroad opportunity and its first dedicated study abroad committee.

“The insight I have gained has proved crucial in designing and establishing our program, and will undoubtedly prove invaluable when we begin writing grants to support our students’ study abroad in the future.”

- Tobias Avalos

Associate Professor of Anthropology, 2021 Grantee

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY GOALS

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



CIVIL SOCIETY, JOURNALISM, AND EDUCATION



DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



GLOBAL HEALTH



TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

IDEAS PROGRAM INITIATIVES

IDEAS Program initiatives convey best practices, increase knowledge sharing and networking, and provide resources to the broader study abroad community. These free initiatives include webinars and workshops on relevant topics such as faculty-led study abroad and assessment.

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the IDEAS Program is supporting the study abroad community through timely and relevant webinars ranging in theme from assessment and evaluation, to crisis intervention. These events bring together experts in risk mitigation, virtual exchange, and assessment to help institutions navigate the pandemic and prepare for a safe and ethical return to study abroad.

The 2021-2022 IDEAS Program Webinars reached over **2,800** study abroad professionals from over **1,079** colleges and universities in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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