

## **Goal 1: Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

### **C. Enhance undergraduate student learning and success**

#### **Study Abroad**

*In an ever smaller world, this is a life-transforming experience. Adequate travel scholarships – funding opportunity. International flavor in course curriculum is essential. Strategic partnerships with designated foreign universities provide a convenient vehicle for facilitating the international experience. Attract external funding for scholarships. Include National Student Exchange for domestic opportunities and studying in Mexico and Canada.*

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#### **Current Status**

- Study abroad at IUPUI has grown by 245 percent since 1994-95, compared to 125 percent for the U.S. as a whole. But overall enrollments are low compared to peer institutions and most participants opt for short-term programs.
- The number of study abroad programs offered by IUPUI has doubled over the past five years, with most programs focusing on a single, intensive course on a specific issue. Many include service learning or internship components.
- Support staffing for study abroad is low compared to peer institutions.
- Study abroad enrollments are distributed across all IUPUI schools, with the Schools of Medicine and Law sending the highest numbers of students abroad. In contrast to national patterns, the majority of IUPUI study abroad students are in graduate/professional programs.
- Destinations for IUPUI students studying abroad are wide-ranging. Top countries include Mexico, Kenya, and eastern European nations, whereas at most institutions students tend to pursue opportunities in western Europe.

#### **Recommendations**

- IUPUI should articulate the value of study abroad within our specific institutional context.
- The campus should integrate study abroad broadly across the curriculum, aiming to have 2 percent of the student body studying abroad each year, with at least 20 percent of these students spending at least a semester overseas, by 2016-2017.
- Consider conducting a foundation campaign, pursuing external grants, and seeking a \$5/semester Study Abroad Student Activity Fee as mechanisms to provide new resources for implementation steps.

#### **Implementation**

- Identify and promulgate study abroad goals that match IUPUI's distinctive characteristics and student body.
- Integrate global learning and study abroad across the curriculum and into the core of an IUPUI education.
- Enhance the campus's capacity to support students, faculty, and staff in developing, promoting and engaging in study abroad.
- Develop an institutionally appropriate set of high-quality programs and opportunities.
- Collaborate with international partners and the local community to achieve study abroad goals.

#### **Resources**

- \$155,000 annually to fund new scholarships, a study abroad advisor, faculty/staff grants and fellowships, and promotional and informational materials.
- \$100,000 as a reserve fund for emergencies.

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