



# CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD

Invest in the **FUTURE**

Connect with the **WORLD**

Train global **LEADERS**

The Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad, also known as IDEAS (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students), is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by World Learning. The initiative seeks to expand U.S. higher education institutions' capacity to increase and diversify study abroad programs for U.S. undergraduate students through the provision of grants and capacity building activities.

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, World Learning manages an annual competitive review process to award approximately 21 grants of up to \$35,000 to accredited higher education institutions in the United States. The program also offers faculty and staff at 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, or diversify their study abroad programs. Resources from these activities are shared with the wider study abroad community in the program's virtual resource library.

# IDEAS

**INCREASE & DIVERSIFY  
EDUCATION ABROAD  
FOR U.S. STUDENTS**

## PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOMES



Diversify American student mobility, both in terms of the students taking part and the destinations where they travel.



Increase the number of U.S. undergraduate students studying or interning abroad for credit.



Share study abroad best practices through in-person and virtual trainings and a virtual library of resources.

## IDEAS GRANT COMPETITION

In collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, World Learning manages an annual competitive review process to award grants of up to \$35,000 to accredited higher education institutions in the United States to expand and diversify U.S. student mobility overseas. Grant recipients will build institutional capacity and increase and diversify U.S. student mobility overseas in support of U.S. foreign policy goals.

### Program Examples

- Create a faculty-led study abroad program
- Create a new study abroad position 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 majors
- Form relationships with universities in a variety of international locations

All programs help advance U.S. foreign policy goals, including democracy and human rights, energy and natural resources, entrepreneurship and economic development, and global health.

## IDEAS INITIATIVES

The IDEAS Initiatives expand and diversify U.S. student mobility overseas by providing the U.S. study abroad community with in-person workshops, webinars, and virtual resources. Study abroad stakeholders at U.S. higher education institutions have opportunities to share their own study abroad best practices and to network with and learn from their peers about study abroad capacity building. Registration, dates, locations, and workshop/webinar topic descriptions are available on our website: [studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org](https://studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org)

### Sample Topics

- Developing financial strategies for expanding study abroad
- Recruiting and supporting students from underrepresented groups
- Faculty-led study abroad best practices
- Campus outreach and recruitment
- Best practices in program assessment and evaluation
- Expanding programming to diverse destinations



For more details regarding IDEAS, please consult the program website: [studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org](https://studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org). Please contact [IDEAS@worldlearning.org](mailto:IDEAS@worldlearning.org) with any questions regarding the IDEAS Initiatives or grant competition.