INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD FALL 2021

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Education Abroad
COIVD-19 AND EDUCATION ABROAD

• Approximately 5,000 students’ programs/experiences were impacted by COVID-19
• We refunded $4.2M in fees to student in FY 2020
• We lost six staff – 30%
• Never completely shut down
• Risk evaluation, mitigation, and management are at the forefront of all education abroad programs – now more than ever before!
COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

• Travel
  • Barriers to mobility
  • Changing policies, laws, protocols
  • Crossing boards

• Financial
  • Payment and refund policies
  • Additional insurance
  • COVID-related expenses
  • Scholarship restrictions based on location

• Academic
  • Contingencies – the what ifs

• Student management
  • Informed consent
  • Code of Conduct changes
  • Realistic expectations
COVID-19 RECOVERY

• New policies in place to protect institution and students
  • Vendors and International Service Provider agreements
  • Two program leaders
  • Financial policies
  • Proposal process for field trips that allows for vetting and tracking
• 790 students in AY 2020
• 611 students abroad in Summer 2021
• Seven faculty-led programs in Summer 2021
• Four faculty-led programs in Fall 2021
• 28 faculty-led or field trips in development for Spring/Winter 2022
• 800 applications in the portal
GOOD NEWS!

We are rebuilding

We are traveling again (for the most part)

We are hiring

We are doing big things!
EDUCATION ABROAD GOALS

$ Increase and retain staff, find more space, recover financially

📈 Enhance quality while increasing participation

🤝 Grow affiliate and exchange programs

🛠️ Streamline processes and create new partnerships

🔍 Focus on expanding access
SPIRIT OF GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Gift a passport
Raised close to $8,000 for passports for low-income and underrepresented students.

Welcome to Texas!
Currently raising funds for hospitality and programming for incoming exchange students.
HIGHLIGHTS

This Fall we welcomed six National Student Exchange (NSE) students & 112 international exchange students.

In Spring, we hope to welcome five NSE students and 120 international exchange students – THIS IS AN INCREASE FROM TYPICAL SPRING NUMBERS!
Education Abroad Ambassador program is in its third year, second year under the direction of Caleb Chapman.

This is a paraprofessional, internship-style opportunity that is reserved exclusively for students who have participated in an international study, intern, research, and/or volunteer program(s).

As an Ambassador, students focus on peer-to-peer outreach initiatives that promote our programs.
HIGHLIGHTS

• This Fall we developed FYEX course focusing on Diversity and Global Learning – two sections taught by staff and Ambassadors.
Mikolaj Sobanski
International Exchange Student
Swansea University, Wales, United Kingdom

Ty Buchanan
Education Abroad Ambassador
FYEX Peer Mentor
Aerospace Engineering
Studies abroad multiple times!