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Internationalizing the University

Sponsor: Kay Thomas, Director, Office of International Programs

Opportunity Statement

To become one of the top three public research universities in the world, the University of Minnesota must become a global university. To adequately prepare all students for global citizenship, the university must create international experiences for all of its students. The university is making substantial progress towards its goal that 50 percent of its undergraduates should participate in study aboard, but it must also address the need to internationalize students on campus. The PEL Internationalization Project Team will provide information and recommendations regarding strategies/methodologies for expanding and documenting the international experience of University of Minnesota students at home.

Project Plan

From the project proposal:

- Study strategic planning documents, government policies, and professional association positions papers, as well as looking at the IaH literature
- Review best practices of other institutions in the area of Internationalization at Home (IaH)
- Interview faculty, staff, administrators, as well as U.S. and international students. Possibly also interview potential employers of university graduates
- Recommend strategies and programs that could be implemented at the University of Minnesota

Scope

In Scope:

- Matriculated undergraduate degree-seeking students at the University of Minnesota
- Twin Cities campus

Out of Scope:

- Graduate and professional students
- Activities focused on K-12 students
- Coordinate campus
- Faculty and staff

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