Institutional Strategies on Global Learning, Research & Engagement

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Guiding Principles

• Integrate international experiences into teaching, research and engagement mission
• Prepare students to succeed in the global marketplace
• Be the driver of new research discoveries and create new technologies that address society’s critical issues
Internationalizing the Student Experience at Home

- Global Option – A curriculum enhancement with a strong international focus
- Cross Cultural Programming – Activities that build capacity for global dialogue among international and U.S. students
Internationalizing the Student Experience Abroad

- Expanding education abroad options for first and second year students
- Creating education abroad opportunities for diverse student populations
Research and Engagement that Address Global Challenges

- Implementation of Ohio State’s Discovery Themes
- Global One Health Initiative – Ohio State’s largest interdisciplinary example of institutional teamwork
Lessons Learned

• Get buy-in across campus
  – Set international goals for the university not only the international office

• Convince faculty and the students will follow
  – Develop a culture among the faculty that says, “We are global players.”

• Allocate resources appropriately
  – Invest in fewer projects but do them well