

Study Abroad Pilot Project for Underrepresented Students

Project Personnel

Total Award Amount \$70,000

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Project Description

There is a serious lack of study abroad participation by low income/minority students nationwide and particularly here at Cal Poly Pomona.

Nationwide statistics from AY2011/2012:

White: 76.4%
Asian: 7.7%
Hispanic: 7.6%
African-American: 5.3%
Multiracial: 2.5%

Currently, study abroad participation at CPP is approximately 1% of the student body and of that number only a handful are low income/minority students. Our solution is to create a short-term faculty-led abroad experience (approximately 3 weeks) specifically designed and targeting low income/minority students with the following 6 goals in mind: Student Engagement/Retention; Community building; Early exposure to international opportunities; Making connections back to CPP; Global competency.

We plan to award 20 scholarships to under-represented minority and low income students who would not participate in a study abroad opportunity otherwise due to financial constraints. This will increase access to international education, support the strategic goal of diversity and global citizenship.

At the conclusion of funding, we plan to reach out to University Advancement for specific donors/scholarship funds to continue to support this worthy initiative in future years.