

ACCENT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT

OVERVIEW

MSU's Office for Education Abroad is partnering with ACCENT Consortium for Study Abroad to provide funding to support the establishment of new MSU faculty-directed education abroad programs. Funding may be awarded for either a course that embeds an international education travel component into a fall or spring residential course or a program to be offered during the summer or winter intersessions. The grant will be offered to two programs per year for a maximum of \$10,000 per program. Preference will be given to programs that are designed to promote MSU's goals for diversifying education abroad programming (see evaluation criteria below). The intention of the grant is to support and subsidize the development of new abroad programs that are designed to run on an annual basis. Each proposed program need not necessarily be directed by the same faculty member each year but must be fully supported, in its long-term goals, by the department or college. The promise of some departmental matching funds (e.g., cash or in-kind contributions) is strongly encouraged, but not required.

AWARD

For 2017-18, two \$10,000 grants will be awarded to two sponsoring departments/colleges, of which up to \$2,000 may be used to support a faculty member or instructor from each department/college to travel to an established ACCENT program site for a short-term stay (less than 1 week) for the primary purpose of establishing the proposed education abroad program. Otherwise, all funds will be awarded via ACCENT as a credit to the total cost of the selected programs, thus reducing the overall participation cost for MSU students. Individual applicants must be serving in a representative capacity of their home academic unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applications will only be considered for new credit-bearing, faculty-directed education abroad programs.
- Programs must be a minimum of three weeks (preferably longer) and designed for a minimum of 15 students
- Programs should be designed to run annually.
- Applications must be supported by a letter from the college dean or department head explaining how the program contributes to the international goals of the strategic plan of the unit, and acknowledge matching funds (if any).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Clear alignment with the department/academic unit's curriculum and international education goals.
- Overall viability, academic need and sustainability of the proposed education abroad program.
- Preference will be given to proposals that utilizes Accent's services in Madrid and Paris.
- Extent to which the proposed program promotes MSU's goals for diversifying education abroad programming, as follows:
 - Inclusion of traditionally underrepresented populations (i.e., minority students, first-generation college students, low SES, males, STEM disciplines, etc.);
 - Interdisciplinary programming or experiential programming (e.g., undergraduate research, service learning, etc.); and,
 - Programming that involves meaningful community engagement and/or intercultural learning.

DEADLINE

Applications are due by 5:00pm (EST) on May 1, 2017. Early submission of applications is encouraged.

Decisions will be made within 3 weeks of the deadline by the Curriculum Integration Committee of the MSU Advisory Council on Education Abroad which will evaluate all applications and make final decisions. (Members of OSA are non-voting.) Questions, applications, and supporting materials should be sent to Dr. Inge Steglitz, steglitz@msu.edu.

INFORMATION FOR RECIPIENT

- The grant recipients are required to submit a post-program evaluation to Education Abroad/ACCENT within 2 months of program implementation.
- Funds will be awarded via ACCENT as a credit to the total cost of the two programs, less any funds used to conduct a program site development visit (up to \$2,000 to cover on-site costs). A maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded per program.
- Travel to countries with an active U.S. Department of State Travel Warning must be reviewed and approved by the MSU Risk & Security Advisory Council (RSAC).
- Grants cannot be deferred.

ACCENT STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The ACCENT Study Abroad Program Development Grant proposals are due by 5:00pm (EST) on May 1, 2017. Early submission of applications is encouraged. Decisions will be made within 3 weeks of the deadline. Please provide the information requested below and attach a letter from the appropriate college dean or department/unit head explaining how the project contributes to the international goals of the strategic plan of the college and acknowledging any matching funds.

Questions, applications, and supporting materials should be sent to Dr. Inge Steglitz, Associate Director, Office of Study Abroad, steglitz@msu.edu.

GRANT PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Potential program title:	
International destination city(s) and country(s):	
Semester/Year to be offered (i.e., Summer 1, 2018):	
Approximate Program dates:	
Facilitating ACCENT program site:	

SPONSORING COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Primary sponsoring college:	
Primary sponsoring department/unit & Name of Chairperson:	
Please provide a brief description of the education abroad initiatives currently being pursued by the department/unit.	
Please explain how this potential program will extend the education abroad goals for this unit.	

INITIATING FACULTY MEMBER INFORMATION

Name of MSU faculty member or instructor who will direct the program:	
Faculty member position/rank:	
Email address:	
Please describe previous education abroad program leadership experience:	
Please describe previous experience in the host destination(s), including foreign language:	
Names and roles of additional participating MSU faculty:	

PROGRAM INFORMATION**1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM:**

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MSU course number(s) & title(s):	
Will the course(s) fulfill degree or MSU Core requirements? Please specify.	
Total number of MSU credits to be offered:	
Will the course(s) require prerequisites?	
Will this be a recurring program (Y/N) and if so, how frequently?	

2. PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Please provide at least three student learning outcomes for the overall program. These may be used for promotion and outreach, and also for education abroad outcomes assessment research and program evaluation purposes.

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3. STUDENT POPULATION:

Primary student populations/disciplines:	
Estimated number of participants:	
Minimum level of language proficiency:	
Additional skills and knowledge required:	
Please provide a brief explanation for how the program and/or your recruitment efforts will target traditionally underrepresented student populations or disciplines (e.g., minority students, first generation, low SES, males, STEM majors, etc.)	

4. HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY CONCERNS:

All MSU education abroad programs must adhere to best practices in health, safety and security. Additionally, The Risk and Security Advisory Committee (RSAC) may be asked to review program structures to minimize institutional liability.

Please review the following websites and identify any health and safety risks in the destination country(s) in the provided textbox:

- [Center for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) [http://www.cdc.gov/travel/]
- [Travel Warning and Consular Information](http://travel.state.gov/) [http://travel.state.gov/]
- [Overseas Security Advisory Council \(OSAC\)](https://www.osac.gov/Pages/Home.aspx) [https://www.osac.gov/Pages/Home.aspx]
- [Office of International Health & Safety](http://oihs.isp.msu.edu/resources-faq/) [http://oihs.isp.msu.edu/resources-faq/]
- [HTH Worldwide](http://www.hthworldwide.com/) [http://www.hthworldwide.com/]

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5. **PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:**

Please provide an explanation on the overall viability, academic need and sustainability of the proposed education abroad program. As this is a recurring program, please describe how the program will be managed over time.

6. **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION (IF ANY):**

INITIATING FACULTY MEMBER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNING VISIT:

If the initiating faculty member requires a pre-site visit (up to \$2,000), please provide a brief description of where the faculty member will be going for the planning visit and the focus and structure of that visit.

2. RATIONALE & GOALS FOR THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

Please provide a detailed explanation of why this site visit is needed and its implications for developing an education abroad program. Would it be possible to develop this program without making this site visit?

REQUIRED AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

We certify that the information we have submitted is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We also agree that this program aligns with the international goals of the strategic plan of our college and that the faculty member has our consent to move forward to developing the education abroad program explained herein.

Primary Sponsoring Department or Unit:
(Department Chair)

Primary Sponsoring College:
(Dean or Associate Dean)

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name/Title

Printed Name/Title

Initiating MSU Faculty Leader:

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name/Title