Best Practices for Internationalizing a Campus

Want to internationalize your campus? Administrators can take these steps:

CREATE ON-CAMPUS VISIBILITY

- Invite Fulbright alumni to speak about their experiences.

- Create a Web site that includes links to the Fulbright Program awards and to the directory of Fulbright Scholars from your institution. (www.cies.org)

- Call CIES, the administrators of the Fulbright Scholar Program, at (202) 686-7877 and invite a program officer to your campus for an inside look into the Fulbright application process.

- Invite Visiting Scholars to your campus to spark interest.

- Forward Fulbright announcements to all faculty and order free publication materials for campus-wide events such as International Education Week.

ENCOURAGE FACULTY TO APPLY

- Allow sabbaticals and paid leave for Fulbright assignments.

- Supplement income to provide salary equivalency while faculty members are on grants.

- Continue to provide health insurance and other important benefits to faculty receiving Fulbright grants.

- Make faculty exchange part of your school’s strategic plan!

- Designate a grant officer responsible for grant notifications and deadlines.

- Acknowledge overseas experience with merit salary review and tenure decisions.

- Host a Fulbright Faculty Workshop.

Dr. Hortense Eloise Simmons, professor emeritus, California State University, Sacramento, lectured on African American literature and culture in Ukraine.

PROVIDE FACULTY RECOGNITION

- Send Fulbrighters a congratulatory letter signed by the president, vice president or dean.

- Celebrate faculty return by hosting a reception in recognition of their achievements.

- Announce Fulbright awards in faculty/staff newsletters and other campus publications.

- Reward grantees with promotion, tenure and merit awards.

- Issue press releases to announce Fulbright grant recipients.

- Encourage returning faculty to develop teaching materials and new courses or revise courses based on their Fulbright grant experiences.

- Encourage further correspondence and collaboration between your institution and host institutions abroad.

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