

CIP Mission and Activities

The mission of the Council on International Programs (CIP) is to promote, improve, and expand the internationalization of Iowa State University in the following ways:

- Support existing, and foster new, relationships with institutions in other countries to further ISU's teaching, research, and outreach missions
- Sustain and enhance an intellectually stimulating environment and a supportive university community for all students, faculty, and staff.
- Collaborate with campus partners to integrate international students and visiting faculty and staff scholars into the academic and social life of ISU.

In support of this mission, the Council for International Programs will endeavor to:

- Increase international and global knowledge for ISU students by:
 - Supporting the modification of existing courses and the creation of new courses that expose students to other nations and cultures.
 - Supporting participation in international student exchange and study abroad programs.
 - Providing oversight to the ISU Education Abroad Committee that reviews and approves undergraduate study abroad programs; (a CIP member chairs the committee).
- Increase the internationalization of ISU employees by:
 - Encouraging ISU faculty and staff to expand their global understanding through professional development activities (workshops, seminars, etc.)
 - Encouraging faculty to teach and conduct research abroad
- Foster an environment in which cultural differences among people further mutual understanding by:
 - Collaborating with campus partners to integrate international students and visiting faculty and staff scholars into the academic and social life of ISU.
- Expand the scope and depth of international relationships by:
 - Expanding collaborative research programs with colleagues and institutions in other countries and furthering research, scholarship, and publications.
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Administrative activities of the Council of International Programs include:

- Advise the Provost on the development and coordination of international programs at Iowa State University.

- Serve as a liaison group between the Provost Office, colleges, the library and International Students and Scholars Office.
- Facilitate and encourage international initiatives between the study abroad center and colleges, and between colleges.
- Review proposals for an annual allocation of seed money funds (CIP Grants) to colleges, teams, or individuals for new international initiatives.
- Develop and refine guidelines on memoranda of understanding/agreement and formal linkages between Iowa State University and universities outside the United States.
- Provide input on behalf of the Provost to the internationalization and globalization component of the university strategic plan.