

International Partnerships: Guidelines for Colleges and Universities¹

Appendix B: Agencies and Associations in the United States

The organizations listed below are a few of the many possible sources of contacts and information when creating and engaging with international partnerships. The list includes groups specific to a geographic region, national associations of higher education institutions, and organizations focused primarily on international education and exchange.

Africa-America Institute (AAI)

<http://www.aaionline.org/>

AAI provides university, graduate-level, and professional training scholarship programs for Africans in fundamental capacity-building fields. AAI's education, outreach, and policy programs have created opportunities for policy makers, business executives, government officials, and opinion leaders from Africa and the United States to gain a more complete understanding of one another and to explore, debate, and work collaboratively on issues of mutual interest.

Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange

<http://www.alliance-exchange.org/>

The Alliance is an association of non-governmental organizations comprising the international educational and cultural exchange community in the United States. Its mission is to formulate and promote public policies that support the growth and well-being of international exchange links between U.S. citizens and those of other nations. The alliance also publishes the *International Exchange Locator* (see Appendix D for more information on this publication).

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

www.aacc.nche.edu

One of the six presidential higher education associations in the United States, AACC represents nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions. The association advocates the community college role in global education among key constituencies, nationally and internationally; advances global exchanges and partnerships between member colleges and international entities; and promotes intercultural understanding and engagement among students, faculty, staff, and decision makers.

American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)

www.aascu.org

AASCU is one of the six U.S. presidential higher education associations. Its 430 public college and university members are found throughout the United States, and in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. AASCU's web site offers guidance for international students who are interested in studying at U.S. colleges and universities, including a list of "international-friendly" American institutions.

¹ Van de Water, J., Green, M., and Koch, K.. (2008). *International Partnerships: Guidelines for Colleges and Universities*. Washington D.C.: American Council on Education. <http://store.acenet.edu>

American Council on Education (ACE)

www.acenet.edu/programs/international

ACE serves as a consensus leader on key higher education issues and seeks to influence public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives. Additionally, ACE serves as an umbrella association and coordinates policy discussion among the six presidential associations in the United States. Members of ACE include approximately 1,800 accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities and higher education–related associations, organizations, and corporations. ACE’s Center for International Initiatives (CII) offers programs and services that support and enhance internationalization on U.S. campuses and situate U.S. higher education in a global context.

America-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)

www.amideast.org

AMIDEAST is a private, nonprofit organization that strengthens mutual understanding and cooperation between Americans and people of the Middle East and North Africa through English-language and professional skills training, educational advising, and testing services; support for institutional development projects in the region; and administration of educational exchange programs.

Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)

www.aacu.org

AAC&U is the leading national association concerned with the quality, vitality, and public standing of undergraduate liberal education. In support of one of its five broad goals, namely “Civic, Diversity, and Global Engagement,” AAC&U carries out the Shared Futures: Global Learning and Social Responsibility project. This project seeks to support U.S. higher education institutions in its vital role of expanding knowledge about the world’s peoples and problems and developing individuals who will advance equity and justice both at home and abroad.

Association of American Universities (AAU)

www.aau.edu

One of the six presidential higher education associations in the United States, AAU focuses on issues that are important to research-intensive universities, such as funding for research, research policy issues, and graduate and undergraduate education. AAU tracks news on international issues of interest to its members.

Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)

www.aieaworld.org

AIEA is a membership association composed of institutional leaders engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. The association gives members opportunities to join forces, exchange ideas, share institutional strategies, and provide an effective voice on matters of public policy.

Boston College Center for International Higher Education (CIHE)

www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/cihe/

CIHE's mission is advancing knowledge about the complex realities of higher education in the contemporary world. Its quarterly publication, *International Higher Education*, features analysis and reports about key issues in higher education worldwide and can be accessed [online](#).

Coalition for Citizen Diplomacy (CCD)

www.citizen-diplomacy.org

CCD leads a nationwide effort to raise the profile and strengthen the impact of the citizen diplomacy movement. By opening their homes, offices, and schools to foreign visitors participating in exchange programs across the United States, citizen diplomats foster international understanding and cooperation, constructive economic connections, and peaceful interaction.

Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)

www.ciee.org

CIEE is a non-governmental international education organization that creates and administers programs that allow high school and university students, faculty members, and administrators to study and teach abroad.

Forum on Education Abroad

www.forumea.org

Located on the campus of Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, the Forum is an institutional membership association whose exclusive purpose is to serve the field of education abroad. Its *Standards of Good Practice* is used to inform the Quality Improvement Program for Education Abroad (QUIP), a quality assurance program that is available to all Forum institutional members.

Institute of International Education (IIE)

www.iie.org

IIE, an independent nonprofit organization, is a leader in the exchange of people and ideas. IIE administers more than 200 programs of international mobility, scholarships, and fellowships, serving more than 20,000 individuals each year.

International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership (IPSL)

<http://ipsl.org>

IPSL is a not-for-profit educational organization serving students, colleges, universities, service agencies, and related organizations around the world by fostering programs that link volunteer service to the community with academic study.

International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

www.irex.org

IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, and foster pluralistic civil society development. With its partner IREX Europe, IREX delivers crosscutting programs, fellowships, and consulting expertise in more than 50 countries.

LASPAU: Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas

www.laspau.harvard.edu

LASPAU is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Harvard University and governed by an independent, inter-American board of trustees. LASPAU designs, develops, and implements academic and professional programs to benefit the Americas.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

www.nafsa.org

NAFSA is a member organization promoting international education and providing professional development opportunities to the field. NAFSA serves international educators and their institutions and organizations by setting standards of good practice, providing training and professional development opportunities, providing networking opportunities, and advocating for international education.

National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)

www.nasulgc.org

NASULGC is one of the six presidential higher education associations in the United States. Its members include public research universities, land-grant institutions, and many state university systems. The association provides a forum for the discussion and development of policies affecting higher education and the public interest.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

www.nsf.gov

NSF is an independent federal agency created by Congress that funds research in the traditional academic areas as well as “high-risk, high-payoff” ideas. The foundation ensures that research is fully integrated with education so that today’s revolutionary work will also be training tomorrow’s top scientists and engineers. NSF offers many different programs to support international higher education cooperation and research partnerships.

National Security Education Program (NSEP)

www.ndu.edu/nsep

NSEP provides American students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation in exchange for a commitment to seek work in the federal government. NSEP administers fellowship programs, such as David L. Boren fellowships and the Language Flagship, that aim to provide students with in-depth, long-term overseas study and experiences in less commonly taught languages and cultures.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

www.usaid.gov

USAID is an independent federal government agency whose work supports long-term and equitable economic growth and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives through foreign assistance. USAID has long recognized the U.S. higher education community as a national asset and a valued partner in international development, and encourages interested institutions to visit its web site regularly to identify new opportunities for funding and cooperation.

U.S. Department of Education (ED)

www.ed.gov/programs

ED administers programs authorized and funded by Congress. These programs provide financial aid for eligible applicants for elementary, secondary, and college education; for the education of individuals with disabilities and of those who are illiterate, disadvantaged, or gifted; and for the education of immigrants, American Indians, and people with limited English proficiency. ED offers numerous programs to support international higher education cooperation.

U.S. State Department: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

<http://exchanges.state.gov/>

ECA, a bureau of the U.S. Department of State, fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world. ECA manages a number of special initiatives focusing on international exchanges, including the Fulbright Program, the Global Cultural Initiative, and the Ambassador's Fund.

U.S. State Department: Consular Information Program

<http://travel.state.gov/travel>

Travel warnings are issued when the State Department decides, based on all relevant information, to recommend that Americans avoid travel to a certain country. The Counselor Information Program will display these travel warnings, and provide information on other countries for travelers.