

The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a desk. In the center, a pair of black-rimmed glasses sits on a surface. To the right, the edges of several books are visible, stacked or fanned out. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, blues, and hints of red from a book cover.

Research Abroad: Adopting a Legacy Program to Fit the Current Needs of Students

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Overview



Research Abroad the Legacy



Headwinds



Research Abroad 2.0



Lessons Being Learned

Research Abroad the Legacy

- Established by previous director to offer cultural based research opportunities and global engagement.
- Programmatic Aspects
 - 5-6 students would travel over Spring Break to a country.
 - Would participate in pre-trip workshops to develop research plan.
 - Conduct research and present at Discovery Day.



Research Abroad Cuba

Program Change Overtime

2016 to 2018

- Program increased to a total of 16 students
- Students where required to write a research manuscript
- Used vendors to arrange majority of travel
- Program fees averaged between \$2,500 to \$3,000 per student

Headwinds

The Trip that Failed

- Fall 2018 trip planned for Morocco
- Cost for student would be around \$3,200
- Initial interest was strong
- Trip failed to attract enough students to make the numbers work

Other Barriers

- Students could not use aid for trip
- No class credit offered
- Costs
- Heavy use of political capital to get needed approvals for trip



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ERAU Strengths



POPULAR ERAU SUMMER
ABROAD PROGRAMS



STRONG FACULTY SUPPORT
FOR ENGAGING STUDENTS IN
RESEARCH



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN
GLOBALIZATION



OUR PROGRAMATIC SUPPORT
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
RESEARCH PROPOSALS AND
MANUSCRIPTS

Research Abroad 2.0

- Partnered with Office of Global Engagement to identify trips and potential student participants
- Students worked with OUR in a pre-trip Canvas based course to develop a mini-research proposal
- OUR works with the students after the trip to develop manuscript and poster presentation
- Students receive a \$1,000 travel grant for their participation

Lessons Being Learned



- IRB approvals delayed students research causing them to modify project
- Some faculty helped students more than others
- Holding students accountable for final deliverables
- Adjusting program to meet students needs

Questions?

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