At the direction of the U.S. Department of State’s USA Study Abroad branch, World Learning invites U.S. colleges and universities to submit applications for projects to create, expand, and/or diversify their outbound study abroad programs and/or resources as part of the Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad’s [IDEAS grant competition](http://www.studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org/) (Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students). This is a program of the U.S Department of State with funding provided by the United States Government and supported in its implementation by World Learning.

Applications must be submitted [by February 26, 2021 at 11:59pm Eastern time](https://webportalapp.com/sp/ideas_applications) via the online application portal. On behalf of the U.S. Department of State’s USA Study Abroad branch, World Learning anticipates awarding approximately 24 grants for a maximum funding level of up to $35,000 each for a period of performance of up to 15 months starting on or about June 1, 2021 and running through August 31, 2022. Successful applicants must demonstrate a strong and sustainable plan for creating, expanding, and/or diversifying U.S. study abroad at their institution that leads to increasing the number of U.S. students who study abroad in the near term. The grant competition is open to all accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. The program seeks to engage the full diversity of U.S. higher education, including community colleges and Minority Serving Institutions. Proposals may not include requests for funding to cover student scholarships or travel costs.

You can find application tips, sample templates, and FAQs at [IDEAS@worldlearning.org](mailto:IDEAS@worldlearning.org) and include “IDEAS FY20 Application” in the subject line. Thank you for your consideration of this initiative.