

Increasing Access to Study Abroad

IIE is working to increase the number and diversity of American students who go abroad, to encourage study in places of growing strategic importance to the United States, and to conduct policy research on study abroad capacity.

Broadening the Scope of Study Abroad |

To lead and prosper in a global society, American students must have more access to international experience, and U.S. campuses must remove the barriers that stand in their way. IIE gives students, educators and policymakers the tools they need to broaden the scope of study abroad, increase the number and diversity of U.S. students who take part, and encourage study in non-traditional destinations and languages that are growing in strategic importance to the United States.



A Gilman Scholarship helped Catherine Riedesel, an education and global studies major, study Hindi in Bangalore.

Delivering Vital Information and Resources |

IIE administration of scholarships and fellowships such as Fulbright, Gilman, Boren and Freeman-ASIA supports Americans from many backgrounds and majors and encourages study in non-traditional destinations and critical languages. IIE also connects tens of thousands more students and educators with programs and funding opportunities through its websites and publications. The IIEPassport.org free online search engine and accompanying print directories, produced in partnership with EducationDynamics, list over 7,000 study abroad programs worldwide. They provide advisers with hands-on tools to counsel students and promote study abroad. In 2007, IIEPassport produced timely new educational features on travel health with support from Sanofi Pasteur. Destination of the Month brochures and online City Portals provide windows into cultures and study opportunities in far-flung destinations from Argentina to Zambia.

IIEPassport's new online scholarship directory, StudyAbroadFunding.org, helps U.S. students find funding for their study abroad. A new Internship Center available in 2008 will offer students an online portal to find overseas workplace experience. Together, IIE's programs and information resources channel funding and information to the American students who need it most and to their study abroad advisers on campus.



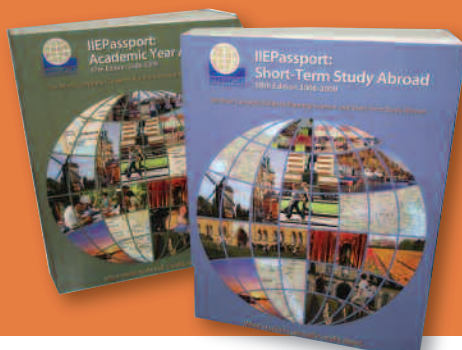
Assessing the Study Abroad Landscape |

IIE's targeted policy research helps colleges and universities better serve their students and assist policymakers in deciding how best to allocate resources. In 2007, IIE launched its White Paper Research series, *Meeting America's Global Education Challenge*. The first white paper assessed current study abroad trends, including fields of study, destination countries of choice, and diversity of participants. Most importantly, it examined how existing funding initiatives like Gilman and Boren can strategically change study abroad demographics, providing benchmarks for future efforts to expand and diversify study abroad.

IIE White Papers in 2008 will assess the sending capacity of U.S. institutions and the hosting capacity of overseas institutions in the context of a greatly increased number of U.S. students going abroad, and will look at challenges to study abroad at community colleges. A series of Policy Briefs, roundtables and workshops, as well as sessions at IIE's Best Practices Conference, focus on study abroad and linkages in specific world regions such as China and the Middle East.



IIE study abroad research and publications are valuable resources to students, educators and policymakers.



Above: Boren Fellow Alefia Merchant studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo, while researching sustainable development issues.