

## **Strategic Plan for SVM International Programs Office**

The mission of the School of Veterinary Medicine International Programs Office is to engage all students in a diverse and evolving global society by facilitating international exchanges for students, faculty and staff, integrating international programs into all of the missions of the SVM, and exposing students to international career opportunities.

### **Specific Goals:**

1. Facilitate unique and innovative international bilateral exchanges for students, faculty and staff that instill a global education and encourage leadership development.
2. Promote integration of international programs into the learning, discovery, and engagement missions of the SVM.
3. Expose students to international career opportunities and a diverse global society.

**Objective 1:** Maintain an excellent communication infrastructure including a current and fully functional IPO web site.

**Objective 2:** Develop and sustain a comprehensive range of international program opportunities for students. Provide opportunities for all SVM students to have an international veterinary experience.

**Objective 3:** Review current SVM international partner institutions and organizations in order to identify existing programs for further development and evaluate the need for new partners.

**Objective 4:** Secure resources (e.g. financial aid/housing/ faculty mentors) to assist SVM students in obtaining international professional experience.

**Objective 5:** Increase awareness within the SVM of global health issues.

**Objective 6:** Obtain adequate financial support for full time secretarial support of the IPO by August 2012.

**Objective 7:** Engage students in outreach efforts such as admissions, recruitment and ambassador programs.

**Objective 8:** Develop alumni support for international activities within the SVM.

**Objective 9:** Create an SVM environment that promotes a dynamic culture of diversity, equality and inclusion for all, is aware of cultural differences, and is welcoming to international visitors.

**Objective 10:** Collaborate with other international programs offices on the Purdue campus (especially College of Agriculture) and the Purdue University International Programs office to achieve goals of mutual importance.

**Action items:**

**Action Item 1:**

Maintain and add to the International Programs website. Add sections for parents, funding sources, and alumni. Add sponsor link. Update site frequently.

**Action Item 2:**

Develop at least one new sustainable study abroad or service learning opportunity per year for the next five years. Maintain courses that are popular with students, financially sustainable, and of variable duration.

**Action Item 3:**

Appoint an IPO advisory committee to guide the direction of the IPO and facilitate open communication with faculty and students. This committee would also be charged with developing guidelines for adding new international partners and reviewing our current relationships. Develop an SOP for the IPO advisory committee.

**Action Item 4:**

Identify funding sources to support international veterinary experiences for DVM and Veterinary Technology students.

**Action Item 5:**

Develop a course in International Veterinary Medicine that addresses topics such as the importance of a global education, cultural awareness, respect for diverse people and cultures, and global health issues. Develop a clinical externship course for independent international experiences by DVM students. Explore the development of a graduate certificate program in international veterinary medicine. Ensure that there is input from key stake holders (Office of Diversity Initiatives, College of Agriculture, Office of Engagement) in course development.

**Action Item 6:**

Continue to update the SVM administrative team on budget and resource needs of the International Programs Office.

**Action Item 7:**

Develop a Student Ambassador Program for International Programs that promotes leadership development and student recruitment. Add expectation for reciprocal international hospitality as a requirement for awarding travel scholarships.

**Action Item 8:**

Work with the SVM Development Office to increase our outreach to international alumni and identify international programs as a worthy recipient of alumni giving.

**Action Item 9:**

Establish and maintain an international house for visiting international students and faculty. Work with the Development Office to target international alumni to raise funds to buy and maintain a property.

**Action Item 10:**

Improve cooperation between SVM and other University International Program Offices. Consider developing structured collaborative relationships such as study abroad courses, and joint efforts to host international students. Facilitate collaborative relationships in international research initiatives.

**Metrics**

Number of SVM students participating in international veterinary experiences

Number of visiting international students and faculty

Number of international partner institutions, private organizations and individual collaborations

Travel funding for international travel by SVM students

Number of web site hits

Number of collaborative relationships with other IPO offices on campus

Number of SAIL or other grants focused on international effects

Development dollars targeted to international programs

Number of students enrolled in International Veterinary Medicine course and international externship course

Number of student ambassadors