Embracing Global Engagement @ BGSU: Internships, Service-Learning and Undergraduate Research on Education Abroad Programs

The Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (CURS), the Office of Education Abroad and International Partnerships (EAIP), and the Office of Service-Learning (OSL) are pleased to announce Bowling Green State University’s second undergraduate student conference on global education. The conference will take place on October 7, 2015.

The title of this year’s conference is “Embracing Global Engagement @ BGSU: Internships, Service-Learning and Undergraduate Research on Education Abroad Programs.” We invite students who have participated in learning activities such as internships, undergraduate research or scholarly/creative activities, and/or service-learning while studying abroad in 2014-2015 to present their experiences in a scholarly manner to students, faculty, staff, community members, and prospective students.

Students from all academic disciplines are invited to showcase their learning in one of three formats:

- 10-15 minute presentations presented to a seated audience + 15 minutes of Q & A per panel;
- Visual Poster Session (in a one-hour session students will have an opportunity to present their posters: during the conference, students should interact with conference participants one-on-one);
- Artistic or other creative session (i.e. vodcasts or paintings or collages).

Deadline: Session proposals/abstracts are due by 5:00 pm on September 7, 2015, and should be submitted in PDF format. A letter of support from your faculty mentor/advisor should be included in the submission. Students may expect an answer regarding participation in the conference by September 14, 2015.

Who can apply: Any undergraduate student who participated on an education abroad program in 2014-2015.

How to apply: Submit an abstract or proposal to Dr. Beatrice Guenther and Dr. Christina Guenther by Monday, September 7, 2015 5:00 pm. (bguenth@bgsu.edu and cguenth@bgsu.edu). The proposal should be reviewed by the student’s faculty advisor or study-abroad program director prior to submission. This same faculty supervisor or study abroad program director will also need to submit a statement or letter of support for the student’s project.

Assistance with conference preparation: Presenters must participate in a 50-minute mandatory information session to be held during the second week in September. Time to be announced. During this information session you will receive advice on how to prepare a suitable and engaging poster or oral presentation. We will also discuss appropriate alternative format types where applicable.

HELPFUL TIP FOR STUDENTS:

What is an abstract? The abstract serves as a kind of advertisement for the activity that you completed and indicates that it deserves the attention of students, faculty, and the community at BGSU. In one or two paragraphs (150-200 words), you should articulate:

- What motivated you to complete your internship, service-learning experience, or research project;
- The purpose of the internship, service-learning experience, or research project and the area of study to which it belongs;
- A few main ideas of your presentation or poster;
- The conclusion, or if it is still in progress, preliminary results; What new understanding you have gained by engaging in your internship, service-learning experience or research project;
- Don’t forget to include a (working) title that reflects what you plan to present;
• Please indicate the type of presentation you would like to give, i.e. poster, oral presentation, or other. In the latter case, please describe the format.

Please bear in mind that you are writing your abstract for various audiences: 1. For the conference organizers, who will use your abstract to decide if your project fits the conference criteria and, if chosen, in which panel to place your presentation. 2. For your peers and faculty, presenters’ families, prospective students who will decide whether or not to attend your particular presentation. For questions regarding abstracts or the conference, please contact Dr. Christina Guenther cguenth@bgsu.edu or Dr. Beatrice Guenther bguenth@bgsu.edu.

Proposal Checklist

1. Letter of support from faculty advisor or education abroad program director.

2. Program Abstract to include:
   a. Title
   b. Motivation
   c. Purpose
   d. Few main points
   e. Conclusion
   f. New understandings
   g. Presentation format (poster or oral ppt. presentation, or artistic/creative session)

2. **Proposals DUE September 7, 2015.**

3. Send to Dr. Christina Guenther (cguenth@bgsu.edu) or Dr. Beatrice Guenther (bguenth@bgsu.edu).