Study Abroad Proposal Transmittal Sheet

Submit proposals to: Office of Academic Programs and Academic Assessment

Title of Proposal: University of Pretoria, South Africa
Effective Date: Fall 2006

Proposing Unit: International Education and Outreach

I certify that the above proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Department committees:

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Sign (Program Head) Date

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Sign (Vice Provost) Date
Category A Exchange Proposal
International Education and Outreach

University of Pretoria
Pretoria, South Africa

I. General Background Information

a. What brought this site to your attention?
   i. This exchange has grown out of an existing research/development relationship with the University of Pretoria through the Rural Livelihoods Consortium (RLC). The RLC is a project sponsored by USAID for which OSU serves as the lead institution.

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d. Objectives of this international experience
The objectives of this exchange are to continue and expand OSU’s relationship with the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Additionally, we would like to provide another option for students to study on the African continent that is affordable. The exchange model allows students to pay OSU tuition and fees and keeps the cost lower than many other options available through national program providers.

c. Anticipated number of participants per year
We expect to begin the exchange with two to three students per year, with equal numbers (coming and going) maintained over a three year period.

II. Program Evaluation Criteria
a. Enhances general education and/or academic major
The University of Pretoria offers many academic programs that match up well with OSU, particularly in agricultural sciences which will be appealing to our students. As well, students in engineering, biology, pre-medicine and pre-veterinary medicine, public health and social work, exercise and sports science, political science and public policy and education are well-suited for Pretoria. The University offers a wide range of courses that may also serve to fulfill students’ baccalaureate course requirements.

b. Enhances awareness of cultural diversity for OSU students abroad and on the home campus.
The program will bring students from the University of Pretoria to OSU which will bring the significant benefit of enhancing the awareness of cultural diversity on campus. As well, as OSU students travel to Pretoria and return to campus, they will also infuse new perspectives and experiences into the classroom here.

c. Involves foreign language study, where applicable.
The University of Pretoria offers coursework in both Afrikaans and English. The university also offers a number of world languages and African languages from which students can select.

d. Expands the geographic diversity of available study abroad opportunities
OSU has very few study opportunities for students in African countries. This would be the first exchange open to all majors on the continent. Because it is a direct exchange, the program costs would be more affordable than other options through national study abroad consortia.

e. Expands the diversity of academic programs available through study abroad
The University of Pretoria offers a wide range of courses that are compatible with many OSU majors. We expect this program to appeal to many underrepresented majors such as agricultural sciences, engineering, public health, exercise and sports sciences, etc.
f. Assures academic credibility and rigor
   The University of Pretoria is one of the largest universities in South Africa and
   ranked among the top universities in the country.

g. Provides ongoing program review and evaluation
   IEO will collect student evaluations at the end of each semester as a source of
   feedback on the program. IEO will communicate regularly with staff in Pretoria
   about the status of the exchange. As well, the program will be periodically
   reviewed by the Study Abroad Advisory Committee.

h. Satisfies institutional and legal requirements and addresses safety and security
   concerns (include location and address of nearest hospital(s))
   Pretoria maintains a full line of student support services, including a health clinic.

   The agreement is part of an ongoing partnership with the University of Pretoria.
   A Memorandum of Understanding specific to the exchange will be reviewed and
   approved by the contracts office at OSU.

i. Demonstrates faculty interest and involvement
   A number of faculty at OSU are involved in the RLC project and enthusiastic
   about the links between OSU and the University of Pretoria. This will benefit the
   exchange component as there are a number of faculty at OSU in key departments
   who will have had experience with the University of Pretoria and can provide
   support and encouragement to their students to consider studying there.

j. Demonstrates potential for sustainability and continuity of programs after it is
   established.
   IEO will maintain the exchange program after it is established. The
   administration of the exchange will fold into the existing infrastructure of the unit.

k. Demonstrated student interest and provides plans for student recruitment
   An article was published fall term in the Daily Barometer about the RLC project
   and the potential for developing a new exchange program at the University of
   Pretoria. At the time several students inquired about the program. One student is
   interested in applying for January 2007, if the program is approved.

l. Provides for adequate student pre-departure orientation and arrival orientation by
   host/partner school
   Outgoing OSU students will be expected to attend IEO's pre-departure orientation
   for outgoing students. As well, they will be expected to attend orientation
   programs offered by the University of Pretoria. Incoming exchange students will
   participate in orientation programs offered by the International Programs office at
   OSU.

m. Provides significant contact with host culture (volunteer, field work, community
   service)
Students will be immersed in the university alongside local students and other international students. They will live in university housing and have full access to university clubs, services and events.

n. Provides adequate student resources (library, computer labs, etc.)
The University of Pretoria offers a full range of resources to students, including computer labs and library services sufficient to meet their needs.

o. Provides reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities
The University of Pretoria is committed to serving the needs of students with disabilities and offers services for students with disabilities through the Department for Student Support. Program administrators will coordinator with the disability services officers on each campus to provide reasonable accommodations to students based on their specific needs.

p. Enhances the accessibility of study abroad opportunities for student groups and/or disciplines historically under represented
This program provides a more affordable study abroad option for students because they pay OSU tuition and fees. The academic offerings will appeal to students in majors that currently do not study abroad in large numbers.

III. Student housing options
Students will have access to university housing while on exchange at the University of Pretoria, arranged with assistance from UP staff. Meal service is available as part of university accommodation.

IV. Projected Costs
a. Student budget: Per semester

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b. Department administrative budget
This program does not impact the IEO budget since the administration of the exchange will be assumed by current IEO staff.

c. IEO administrative budget
This budget does not have any additional impact to the IEO administrative budget.

Approval signature of College Dean

Rebecca Johnson, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and International Programs

Date