



University of Colorado **Anschutz Medical Campus**

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**University of Colorado College of Nursing at Anschutz Medical Campus
Awarded IDEAS Grant to Build Study Abroad Capacity**

AURORA, Colo. (July 28, 2022) – The University of Colorado College of Nursing at Anschutz Medical Campus has been selected to receive funding support from the U.S. Department of State’s Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students (IDEAS) Program. CU College of Nursing is one of 44 colleges and universities across the United States that will use the IDEAS grants to create, expand, and/or diversify American student mobility overseas in support of U.S. foreign policy goals. This U.S. Government program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and supported in its implementation by World Learning.

“The U.S. Department of State is committed to supporting U.S. colleges and universities as they continue to rebuild study abroad capacity impacted by the global pandemic. That is why the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is proud to be awarding double the number of IDEAS grants this year so that we can support more institutions as they work to provide important international educational opportunities to their students. Our IDEAS grant recipients reflects the full diversity of the U.S. higher education system – including community colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), rural institutions and more – and we are committed to working with them to build study abroad programs that are accessible for Americans of all backgrounds and that provide more opportunities for American students to engage with people in more diverse destinations around the world,” said Heidi Manley, USA Study Abroad Chief, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

CU College of Nursing Dean and Professor Eli Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAANP, said the IDEAS grant will help support the college’s efforts to equip and train a generation of nursing professionals how to address disparities and inequities in healthcare delivery in the U.S. and beyond. Through its [Global Health Nursing](#) program, CU College of Nursing partners with sites in Ecuador, Guatemala and Malawi, where students and faculty can apply their knowledge and learn about healthcare from other parts of the world.

“The IDEAS grant will give more students and faculty opportunities to explore and learn about healthcare from a global perspective, which will ultimately benefit the communities they serve from Colorado or abroad,” Provencio-Vasquez said. “This is a commitment that we share with other academic institutions throughout the Anschutz Medical Campus. We’re proud to be receiving this grant to support the U.S. Department of State’s goals to build a more equitable and inclusive approach to healthcare worldwide.”

Since 2016, the IDEAS Program has awarded 145 grants to 139 institutions in 48 states and territories to create, expand, and diversify their U.S. study abroad programs in 71 countries across all world regions. In addition to the IDEAS grant competition, the program also offers opportunities for faculty, staff, and administrators at U.S. colleges and universities to participate in a series of free virtual and in-person study abroad capacity building activities.

For a full list of 2022 IDEAS grant recipients, as well as information on a free IDEAS webinar series on building study abroad resources for U.S. campuses, please visit the IDEAS Program website at www.studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org. Funded projects are supporting such activities as developing new international partnerships and programs, training faculty and staff, internationalizing curriculum, creating resources to engage diverse student groups in study abroad and creating virtual and hybrid exchanges.

For further information about other study abroad resources and other exchange programs offered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, please contact ECA-Press@state.gov and visit <https://studyabroad.state.gov/>.

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