

Global Advisory Network Summary

Trends	Global Advisory Network Source
Chinese government provides scholarships which could increase potential number of students to VCU	East Asia Regional Strategy Team
Barriers to study abroad remain and include language, finances, understanding of value added by study abroad experiences, and incentives for faculty-led programs	Global Learning Advisory Panel
US graduate schools have an increasing number of applicants from India	India Regional Strategy Team
Language is a barrier to partnerships with Northern African universities	Middle East Regional Strategy Team

Action Items	Global Advisory Network Source
Host a multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional global health consortium	Atlantic Rim Regional Strategy Team; Southern Africa Regional Strategy Team
Host a Global Engagement week highlighting existing student and faculty international research	Global Strategies Advisory Panel
Wilder School, GEO, and School of Business are collaborating for a September 2014 event centered on democracy, commerce, and business	India Regional Strategy Team
Host a South Africa Day on campus to raise consciousness about work in South Africa with the possibility of a week-long institute with partner universities	Southern Africa Regional Strategy Team; UKZN Strategic Partnership Team

Recommendations	Global Advisory Network Source
Quest Innovation Awards should be offered in conjunction with Quest Global Impact Awards	Cordoba Strategic Partnership Team
Role of partnerships and MOUs needs to be clarified to academic units	Atlantic Rim Regional Strategy Team, Global Strategies Advisory Panel
VCU should implement a global engagement/international fee similar to the library fee to direct towards internationalization	Global Strategies Advisory Panel
Faculty and staff need to be better trained to work with international students	International Students and Scholars Advisory Panel
GEO's services need to be better marketed throughout the university and should be linked on the main VCU homepage	International Students and Scholars Advisory Panel
VCU should consider a chair in Islamic Studies or Middle Eastern Studies, especially given VCUQ	Middle East Regional Strategy Team