



# VCU Global Education Office

Provost's Global Advisory Council

## 2015-2016 Recommendations to the Provost

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### Introduction

The **Provost's Global Advisory Council (PGAC)** is a university-wide body of dean designees that advises the Office of the Provost and the university community on ensuring that our international activities are closely tied to and support the strategic priorities of our academic units. Throughout the academic year, each of the eleven support teams and advisory panels comprising the VCU **Global Advisory Network** meets to identify emerging trends, challenges and opportunities in their respective areas. Their collective recommendations are assessed and prioritized by the Provost's Global Advisory Council and distilled into the present list in accordance with VCU's Global Priorities.

### Increase recruitment and retention of international students and scholars

1. Promote a welcoming climate that supports the success of international students and scholars, through means such as the new Global Zone training for faculty and staff.
2. Support the continuing work of the Muslim Advocacy Task Force.
3. Convene an English Language Program (ELP) advisory group to assess student recruitment, retention, and best practices for transitions from ELP to degree-seeking programs.

### Increase global engagement of VCU students and faculty

1. Allocate adequate support to maintain and increase the number of students studying abroad.
2. Expand the Course Threads model as a form of on-campus global engagement for students.

### Expand the VCU Global footprint through our research, clinical practice, creative expression, teaching and learning, and community engagement, particularly as they impact global health

1. Compile and maintain a comprehensive inventory of international activity and expertise at the university.
2. Further formalize the recognition and reward of international activity related to teaching, research and service in [Promotion and Tenure guidelines](#).

#### Recommendation Snapshot

- I. Promote a climate supporting success of international students and scholars.
- II. Adequately support study abroad.
- III. Internationalize the tenure code.