Past Service Projects Examples

High School Outreach:

a) Conducting presentations on their country of study to local, hometown, or current city high school classrooms.

b) Working with a local teacher to incorporate study of a specific country into the curriculum with photos, letters and emails from the student while s/he was abroad, as well as items the student brings back with him/her from his/her host country (i.e. newspapers, menus, magazines, clothing, textbooks, toys, etc.).

c) Organizing a pen-pal program between a local classroom and a classroom in the student's host country.

d) Organizing and/or working with their university high school outreach program, bringing international students into local classrooms to present and share information on their home countries.

e) Participating in their local high school College Night to share information on study abroad opportunities and scholarships.

f) Working with/giving presentations on study abroad to high school language or area studies classes.

g) Working with/giving presentations on study abroad and scholarships to programs that mentor high school students such as the Upward Bound program.

Academic Department Outreach: Students in fields of study traditionally under-represented in U.S. study abroad often choose to focus on their academic department when carrying out their project. Examples of these projects include:

a) Presentations on study abroad at academic club or honor society meetings

b) Submitting an article to their academic department newsletter on their experiences abroad either while the student is still overseas or upon their return.

Campus Office Outreach: Students often propose to work with a specific on-campus office including the Diversity/Minority Services offices, Disability Services offices, the Financial Aid office, Student-Leadership office, and other campus offices. Examples of these projects include:

a) Working with the university office to help promote and encourage study abroad opportunities through presentations to student clubs and organizations and through office organized events
**Study Abroad Outreach**: This is the most common type of Service Project students propose. Examples of these projects include:

a) Representing your host country or school at the Study Abroad Fair

b) Submitting an article on their experiences abroad to the Study Abroad office newsletter either while they are still abroad or upon their return

c) Organizing activities for Study Abroad Mentors, which assists returned and potential study abroad students

d) Create stencils for sidewalk chalking

e) Representing the study abroad office at presentations/information sessions on study abroad

**Other Outreach**: There are a variety of other types of programs that students have proposed. Some examples include:

a) Submitting a weekly or monthly article on their experiences to the collegian while the students are abroad, thereby sharing information with a wide range of readers

b) Submitting an article on their experiences abroad to their campus or hometown paper upon their return to the U.S.

c) Participating in campus or local international events such Coffee Hour, International Education Week (Fall), International Week (Spring)

d) Working with another local organization to share information on study abroad and the country they studied in with their members

e) Presenting on study abroad opportunities in First-Year Experiences courses thereby encouraging students to consider study abroad earlier rather than later.