

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMMING NOMINATION PROCESS

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Qualifications:

Excellent leadership in developing education abroad programs; excellent fostering of education abroad; and/or excellent teaching of education abroad courses.

Eligibility:

Open to all Missouri State full-time faculty, tenured, tenure-track, or non-tenure track, whose work included directing a program in the 2024-25 academic year, i.e., FA24, SP25, SU25.

Award Features:

Trophy presented at the All Faculty Recognition Reception in the spring of 2026 and \$1,500 in professional development funds.

To nominate an Education Abroad Program Director for the Award for Excellence, simply send an email with the nominee's name to *Elizabeth Strong, Director, Education Abroad*, at ElizabethStrong@MissouriState.edu. The submission deadline is *October 20, 2025*.

I. AWARD CRITERIA

Cultural Competence Award:

Recognizes faculty members whose programs directly address the recognition and respect of multiple perspectives and cultures

- Did the faculty member's program *promote cultural awareness of self and others* by describing beliefs, perspectives, and behaviors acquired through cultural immersion in different societies? Did the program require students to self-evaluate their own cultural norms in relation to cultural norms on-site?
- Did the faculty member *examine and articulate both differences and similarities* between the students' native cultural practices and the host site cultural practices?
- Did the faculty member *encourage belief in the importance of interaction* with people of diverse cultures and backgrounds?
- Did the faculty member *model respectful consideration of different cultural viewpoints, and encourage students to develop an awareness of difference* that may be integrated into individual and culturally developed belief systems?

Community Engagement Award:

Recognizes faculty members whose programs enable students to participate in an organized service activity that meets reciprocally identified community needs

- Did the faculty member's program include an *organized service activity* that met a *reciprocally identified community need*?
- Did the faculty member enable the group to *integrate their academic knowledge by making relevant connections from academics to personal and civic participation* in the host community?
- Did the faculty member facilitate reflection on the service activity in such a way to *enable students to further understand course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of personal values and civic responsibility*?
- Did the faculty member *challenge students* to clarify and reconsider their *role as citizens*?

II. NOMINATION FORM

Nominee submissions are due by October 20, 2025

Do you know someone who has demonstrated excellence in developing and leading a short-term education abroad program?

The Missouri State University Education Abroad Advisory Committee (EAAC) seeks to recognize outstanding faculty members who foster *cultural competence and community engagement* in fulfillment of the University's Public Affairs Mission.

NOMINEE NAME:

TITLE:

EMAIL:

FOR (please choose one): Cultural Competence Award
Community Engagement Award

NOMINATOR NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL: