



Undergraduate Student Government Students First Funding Request: "Education Across Borders"

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Reviewed by Senator Hills

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Senators and Directors must fill out this form with details in their Students First Funding Request. After completion, this should be shared with another Director or Senator for an initial review. Once reviewed, share it with the President, Chief of Staff, Director of Business and Finance, and Advisor via email 6 weeks prior to the event/project to be reviewed again. Once the Director of Business and Finance and Advisor have signed off on the document, the Chief of Staff will add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

Before moving forward, have you read the SFFR procedure? [Students First Funding Request Procedure](#)

Additional resource! (not a requirement)

[Event Planning Checklist](#)

What is the title of your students' first initiative?

Education Across Borders

Please briefly describe your students' first initiative?

From November 13 to 17, we celebrate International Education Week (IEW), a nationwide initiative jointly organized by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. IEW serves as an annual tribute to the promotion of international education and programs, and it is embraced by virtually every college and university across the United States through their international and global offices. At Kent State, our Office of Global Education (OGE) takes the lead in coordinating IEW, orchestrating a week filled with collaborative events and programs involving various departments at KSU.

In support of Kent State's IEW activities this year, I would like to organize an event entitled 'Education Across Borders.' This event will feature a student panel with four Kent State University students – two domestic and two international. They will have the opportunity to share their firsthand study abroad and international education experiences with the audience.

How do you know that your program will fulfill student needs?

Education Across Borders is designed to fulfill student needs by providing a platform for both domestic and international students to share their study abroad experiences and serve as an opportunity to recognize the experiences of international and domestic students that have traveled abroad. This helps students who may be interested in studying abroad gain insights and information directly from their peers, making it a valuable resource for those considering international education opportunities. The program will likely increase cultural competency and shed light on both positive aspects and challenges regarding the international education experience.

What population of students does your initiative serve and what research did you do surrounding this population?

This initiative serves both domestic and international students, providing them with an opportunity to learn from their peers' study abroad and international experiences while gaining familiarity with available study abroad programs and scholarships. Through interactions with students, I discovered that nearly every other domestic student I met has either studied abroad or is actively planning to do so.

Furthermore, it's worth noting that Kent State University offers over 200 study abroad programs across 60 countries - a reflection of the extensive opportunities available for our student body. In addition, the university attracts a diverse community of approximately 2,000 international students from over 100 countries who are always willing to share their experiences of studying in the U.S. This showcases the strong interest and engagement of our students in international and study abroad endeavors, making this initiative highly relevant and beneficial for our campus community.

How does this request collaborate with the mission of our Undergraduate Student Government?

Education Across Borders event aligns with the Undergraduate Student Government's mission by amplifying student voices through a platform for sharing study abroad experiences. It promotes the common betterment of the undergraduate student body by fostering intercultural understanding and offers meaningful student participation, consistent with the USG's goal to put students first.

What date and time will this event take place?

5:30-7:30pm, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the KSC Ballroom Balcony

What amount are you asking to be allocated?

\$429.95

Please provide a breakdown justifying the amount you are requesting.

The budget requested includes event space, pizza, drinks, snacks, and supplies. The expected number of people at the event is 120.

What current university programs have you found similar to your initiative? If similar services exist, what KSU departments offer them?

I have gone through the calendar of events that are going to be hosted by various departments during IEW. However, there weren't any events that included a student panel.

Does this initiative collaborate with any student organizations or campus offices etc. If so, which ones?

Education Across Borders is a collaborative effort between the International Student Council and the Society of Global Cultures, both student-led organizations on campus. They host social and cultural events that celebrate cultural diversity and foster intercultural exchange and understanding.