Challenges and Opportunities: The Future of International Higher Education in the U.S.

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Status of Internationalization in the U.S.

Internationalization has accelerated (72% vs 64% in 2011)
  • Improves preparedness for a global era
  • Diversifies student body
  • Attracts prospective students at home and abroad

Internal funding has increased or stabilized (70%)

Internationalization priorities
  • Increasing study abroad for U.S. students
  • Recruiting international students

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New Political Context
Freedom of speech
Value of Higher Education
Stratification of higher education in the U.S.
Reduced fiscal and policy support at the federal and state level
New Immigration Context
Announced intention to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
Proposed increase in visa restrictions
Impact: Political, Economic and Social Climate

- Fear of withdrawal and isolation
- Acts of violence against foreigners
- Financial impact on U.S. higher education
- Immigrant and refugee mobility
- Less competitive with other countries for academic talent
- Reduced collaboration on global challenges
- Innovation, industry and national development
Future Needs and Opportunities

Students

• Integration of technology into teaching and learning
• Curriculum integration
• More access to international internships, service abroad, international research

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A “Big Idea” at UC Davis

GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR ALL

INTERNATIONALIZE THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM
EXPAND STUDY ABROAD AND AWAY
ESTABLISH GLOBAL LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES
ENHANCE GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE LEARNING
ENGAGE STUDENTS IN GLOBAL RESEARCH
EXTEND CAMPUS CO-CURRICULAR GLOBAL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

UC Davis is pursuing a vision to engage all of our students in global learning and experience before graduation, preparing them to be successful leaders in their professions and communities.
Future Needs and Opportunities

International Collaborative Research

• Enhancing interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary research in solving global challenges
• Supporting networks and consortia in advancing international research
• Educating the next generation of international researchers
• International Research Conference at UC Davis: Innovation within Changing Political and Research Environments September 17 – 18, 2018
2018 International Research Conference

at the University of California, Davis

Innovation within Changing Political and Research Environments
Questions?

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