A quality education is a global education. Unfortunately, too many students are graduating college without the global skills needed to thrive in the global economy. We know that college students want to study abroad, yet only 10% of students study abroad before they graduate. Even further, minority students are greatly underrepresented within those numbers. The Simon Program provides a path to correct this imbalance.

U.S. STUDY ABROAD CONTRIBUTES TO...

Student Success

HIGHER GRADUATION RATES
Four-year graduation rates are 18% HIGHER for students who study abroad.

HIGHER GPA
Studying abroad has been shown to INCREASE a student’s GPA.

MORE EMPLOYABLE
More than 31 MILLION job openings require skills that come from studying abroad.

U.S. STUDY ABROAD CONTRIBUTES TO...

The Nation

AMERICAN WORKERS
39 MILLION JOBS in the United States are tied to international trade.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
Students who study abroad show GREATER IMPROVEMENTS IN LANGUAGE SKILLS.

ENLIGHTENED CITIZENSHIP
Studying abroad develops a greater APPRECIATION OF U.S. CULTURE and less fear of others.

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NAFSA has long advocated for a federal study abroad grant program to incentivize colleges and universities to remove the barriers that keep students from studying abroad. The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act would pursue four key objectives:

1. **ENSURE**
   
   at least **1,000,000 students** study abroad every year.

2. **INCREASE**

   the diversity of students studying abroad to reflect the undergraduate population.

3. **ENCOURAGE**

   a greater portion of study abroad to occur in nontraditional study abroad locations.

4. **STRENGTHEN**

   the commitment of colleges and universities to expand study abroad opportunities.

We urge Congress to **pass the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act** and make **meaningful study abroad opportunities a reality** for all college students.