

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

Public Two-Year Community College | ~75,000 Students
Brazil Exchange Program for STEM Disciplines

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) was awarded a U.S. Department of State Capacity Building for Study Abroad Grant in 2012. The grant helped NOVA develop a partnership with the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Goiás (IFG) in Brazil. The study abroad program focused on environmental studies and STEM disciplines and during its first year, sent seven facilitated engagement and in-person exchange, among 39 students. In addition to study abroad programming in Brazil, NOVA facilitated distance-learning opportunities to encourage remote cross-cultural collaboration between NOVA and IFG students. The partnership between NOVA and IFG has also assisted the development of strong faculty-to-faculty bonds that have strengthened the partnership.

Grant Goals



Foster Exchange between students & faculty in the U.S. & Brazil

Create a Study Abroad Program in Brazil



Attract Students & Faculty from across a wide range of Academic Disciplines

Outcomes & Successes

Promoted Study Abroad at Community College Level



According to Open Doors (2012-13), only 1% of U.S. community college students will gain 21st-century international experience and workforce skills through study abroad.

Study Abroad Program with Federal Institute of Education, Science & Technology of Goiás (IFG)



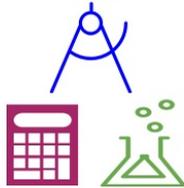
Goiás, Brazil

Demonstrated Faculty-to-Faculty & Student Bonds



Brazil's rich bio-diversity and environmental challenges provided an ideal location for NOVA faculty and students to engage and learn from their Brazilian counterparts.

STEM Focused Study Abroad Program



Distance Learning Technology helped connect NOVA & IFG students



Additional Information

Non-Traditional Students



Were able to study abroad and gain cross-cultural connections through the innovative partnership between NOVA & IFG.

NOVA & IFG



Students were able to form meaningful relationships during the study abroad program.

U.S. Study Abroad Branch

Increasing & Diversifying U.S. Study Abroad Participation
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