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10 Practical Ways to Expand Global Engagement at Your HBCU

These strategies can help you strengthen international engagement, expand access for students, and build a campus-wide culture of global learning. Many can start with existing resources and partnerships.

1. **Partner with Established Programs**
   Collaborate with larger universities that have well-resourced international studies or study abroad programs to create shared opportunities for your students.
2. **Engage University Leadership**
   Encourage institutional leaders to prioritize global engagement as part of the strategic plan and allocate resources to support it.
3. **Pursue External Funding**
   Explore grants and resources through organizations such as the Institute of International Education (IIE), U.S. Department of State, and private foundations.
4. **Host International Events**
   Organize campus events that celebrate global cultures, current international issues, and opportunities for students, faculty, and the community.
5. **Create a Global Speaker Series**
   Invite international scholars, diplomats, industry leaders, and global changemakers to engage with students and faculty.
6. **Recruit International Students**
   Proactively recruit international students to your institution, including exploring non-degree or short-term options.
7. **Leverage Virtual Exchange and Technology**
   Use virtual exchange, collaborative online projects, and digital tools to connect your students with peers and experts around the world.
8. **Integrate Global Perspectives into Curriculum**
   Incorporate international content, case studies, and global issues across disciplines.
9. **Engage Alumni and External Partners**
   Tap alumni, government agencies, nonprofits, and private-sector partners to provide mentoring, internships, and global career pathways.
10. **Connect Students to Scholarship Opportunities**
    Share national scholarship and fellowship programs that support study abroad, language learning, and international research (see examples below).

Scholarship Opportunities for Students

- Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships
- Freeman Scholarship
- Fund for Education Abroad (FEA)
- Explore the World Travel Scholarship
- International Scholarships (comprehensive database)
- Scott's Cheap Flights Study Abroad Scholarship
- Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship

Program details, eligibility requirements, and deadlines change regularly. Please visit each program's website for the most current information.

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