Completing the Follow-on Service Project

TOP 10 TIPS

USE YOUR NETWORK
Connect with groups or clubs in your community. Utilize existing partnerships to start your outreach.

START EARLY
The FOSP is due 6 months from your return to the U.S. Plan ahead, and get started on your project early!

THINK OF YOUR AUDIENCE
Depending on the target audience for your FOSP, target the content of your project based on their specific needs or interests.

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS
Whether you’re great at writing, public speaking, video editing, social media, mentoring, or languages, your project can showcase your talent.

DEMystify THE PROCESS
Study abroad can be for anyone! Talking about Gilman with a peer who doesn’t think they can study abroad can show that it is possible.

UTILIZE OUTREACH TOOLS
Check out outreach resources including a sample PPT presentation, program overview, and downloadable materials.

TELL YOUR STORY
Share your experiences and make your outreach personal! Check out Gilman’s tips on creating an elevator speech.

BE A RESOURCE
What do you wish you would’ve known before you went abroad? How did you find out about Gilman? Consider how to use your project to help future students.

REFLECT ON TIME ABROAD
The FOSP can help you reflect on your international experience and take stock of new skills and abilities gained abroad. Click here for re-entry reflection activities!

IF YOU DON’T KNOW, ASK!
You may get questions about Gilman during your FOSP. If you don’t know the answer to a question, connect the student to gilman@iie.org for more info!

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