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# Completing the Follow-on Service Project



## 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](mailto:gilman@iie.org) for more info!

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