

# Global Development & Study Abroad

*With* borders closed and exchange programs temporarily cancelled, it's certainly been a year unlike any other for Global Development and Study Abroad at KPU. Yet, despite the challenges, it's been an exciting time full of innovation for our team. Here's a look at how we've been developing **new and strategic international partnerships**, creating **new virtual global learning opportunities** for students and faculty, and laying the groundwork for **future transformations in internationalization** at KPU.



## Need a refresher on Global Development & Study Abroad at KPU?

Our mission is to help faculty, students, and staff at KPU access global opportunities. Learn more on our [updated website](#)—with all new pages on Faculty Exchange and COIL!

## New Virtual Programming

### Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

KPU International is proud to be launching the **KPU Pilot COIL Program for January 2021**. With the support of faculty member Lesley McCannell (School of Business/Faculty of Arts), GLBL 2000 will be testing this innovative approach to intercultural learning this spring.

Lesley has partnered with Blanca Urdiales, a professor from the University of Monterrey (UDEM), in Mexico. In preparation for this new virtual initiative, both instructors have been enrolled in a series of COIL training workshops since mid-October. This training was generously sponsored by the guard.me Faculty Mobility Fund.

### What is COIL?

COIL is an approach to fostering global competence through the development of an intercultural learning environment that links classes in different countries. Using various communication technologies, students from different countries complete shared assignments and projects, with faculty members from each country co-teaching.

### Interested in COIL?

Get in touch with us! The Office of Global Engagement hopes to expand this opportunity to include more faculty members, students, and KPU courses. Any expressions of interest are welcome at this time.



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# New Virtual Programming, cont'd

## Pilot: Spring 2021 Virtual Exchange Programs

The Study Abroad team has designed a Virtual Exchange Program in order to continue delivering valuable intercultural learning opportunities to students in face of the current travel restrictions. The first exchanges will take place next semester, in Spring 2021.

### Inbound

Inbound students from our partner institutions will have the opportunity to be a KPU student "from home" as they enroll in KPU online courses and engage with the KPU community through a virtual volunteer program hosted by the Study Abroad office. 7 students from partner institutions will be joining us this Spring, gaining intercultural learning and international work experience all in one program.

### Outbound

Outbound KPU students will get the opportunity to join classrooms around the world while staying in Canada, through online cross-registration with partner institutions in Peru, France, Spain, and Germany. Virtual internship placements (and free Spanish classes!) are also available with Costa Rican non-profits, universities, and businesses. [Learn more here.](#)

## Outbound Mobility Pilot Program Funding

### KPU Virtual Exchange Award

KPU International is pleased to announce that we have successfully secured funding from the the Government of Canada's [Outbound Mobility Pilot Program](#) to fund a **Virtual Exchange Award** for the Spring 2021 semester!

As per the program's mandate to reduce barriers to study/work abroad opportunities for students in Canada, the Virtual Exchange Award will provide funding to low-income students, students with disabilities, and Indigenous students at KPU. Students in these groups may apply and receive up to **100% of the tuition or program fee (up to \$1000 CDN)** to fund their virtual exchange experiences.

[Learn More](#)

*Application for different opportunities vary between December 15 until January 10, 2021.*

### What Is Virtual Exchange?

"Virtual Exchange" is an umbrella term that captures virtual intercultural learning experiences, such as online cross-registration (at a partner institution), virtual internships, and hybrid learning modes like COIL.

These experiences are designed to complement existing study abroad programs and remove access barriers for those who cannot participate in a traditional mobility experience.



## Upcoming Partnership Announcements



*Coming soon!* We have been working hard behind the scenes to establish new agreements with strategic partners. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months pertaining to a new pathway option for Health Science Degree students to enroll in an internationally recognized medical school abroad.