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Proposal: Cornerstone Program Partnership w/AvHU

International Innovation Fund Proposal Abstract

The purpose of this request is to secure partial funding support to explore a partnership between the College of Liberal Arts' Cornerstone Program learning community and Humboldt University and the *Centre International de Formation Européenne* to offer an affordable residential field trip option for Cornerstone freshmen over Spring Break.

The purpose of the site visit is to create an agreement between the College of Liberal Arts, CIFE, and AvHU regarding a living/learning program for our Cornerstone students where they could live in AvHU housing for the week they are in residence at the university. AvHU is ideal in that the university has student housing that is within walking distance of the campus (http://www.studentenwerk-berlin.de/en/wohnen/studentische_wohnanlagen/isb/index.html), something that is often impossible to find at many major European universities. AvHU has the capacity to house a group of up to seventy five of our students in one central location.

A residential option at AvHU will also serve as a template for other arrangements that can be explored with other major European Universities – Charles University in Prague, the Sorbonne, the University of Amsterdam, etc., allowing a city and university rotation for the Program and its European partners.

A site visit is vital to both examine the physical properties that are being considered as well as to build relationships with the staff at CIFE, AvHU, and the College.