

### **Educating scientists with a global perspective**

Currently it is difficult to find study abroad programs in a non-English speaking country for science majors that will incorporate science courses appropriate for the level of a junior. I would like to suggest that we develop a program specifically targeted for neuroscience and biology majors in a Spanish-speaking country. (Spanish is the most common second language for neuroscience majors.) Expanding one of our programs might be the most suitable means for doing this. The program should include both courses typical for a junior (Cell Biology or Animal Physiology for a Neuroscience major) as well as independent laboratory research opportunities. Ideal would be to add at Smith a sophomore course in "Spanish for the Life Sciences", to prepare students for their courses in their junior year. I would also suggest a senior seminar "Citizenship for the Concerned Scientist" that would encourage these and other students to reflect on topics of shared interest, particularly public policy as it intersects with scientific concerns.

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