

Strategic Planning Proposal
Targeted Scholarship Opportunities for Students from Developing Countries
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OVERVIEW:

To increase the diversity on campus, I propose that a targeted scholarship program be developed to bring a cohort of students to Smith each year from developing countries. Benefits of this program include increase diversity on campus and providing opportunities to women in developing countries.

I am confident that there are women in many parts of the world who could succeed at Smith, given the opportunity. At the same time, bringing a small (~4-6) cohort of women from developing countries each year will enrich the campus.

I'm afraid I cannot comment much on specifics of this proposal as this is largely outside of my area of expertise. However, I suspect that there are many on campus with more insights and connections into international programs. One possibility is to target a small number of countries and seek schools in the countries that have appropriate programs (*e.g.* that teach in English). Clearly, we would not want to provide scholarships to students who don't have an appropriate background to succeed. Moreover, to succeed, this program would require considerable coordination up front as well as targeted funding.