

# SSFAB

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## Budget Request Form FY 2010

To be Completed by Department for Each Individual Request

Department: Study Abroad Programs

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

### Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Partial annual Computing and Information Services (CIS) SQL server/database maintenance/warehousing costs for a new computer database/web interface tool -- StudioAbroad (\$8,000 is 1/3 of the annual projected cost)

### General Description:

FY2009 was slated to spend \$35,000 creating a new database developed by CIS and implemented in FY2010. SSFAB allocated \$10,000 for this. Due to salary savings from vacant positions, another \$35,000 became available and with the recommendations of CIS, we are purchasing a product that we can implement in FY2009, instead of constructing it first and implementing it in FY2010.

### Request Type:

Full  Increase  One Time  Partial/Matching

### General Questions:

*How does this request impact students and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?*

Students are frustrated with the difficulty of using the homegrown study abroad database. Double entry for scholarships and applications, designed for only one type of program and a cobbled fit for all others, and inflexibility make this homegrown product difficult to use given the growth in programs. Study Abroad Programs is purchasing a new database, but the ability to store data and linkage to the BANNER system replacing SIMS will cause maintenance costs which exceed current funding resources.

*Have other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, membership dues, etc) been considered? Please explain:*

Yes. A funding proposal for the remainder of the cost has been submitted to the Provost's Office. In future years, as the database and functionality are increased, the program fees of students participating in academic programs will pay for the increasing cost of storing data and providing upgrades to the system. The total cost of annual maintenance and data storage is projected by CIS to be \$25,000, and our experience with the ISS database storage and maintenance process bears this out.

*Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?*

Study Abroad Programs assesses all students using customer feedback surveys for all programs. In addition, student feedback is collected via e-mail, faculty debriefings, and in advising sessions with students. We anticipate a greater demand on the online services once the database and web-interface are activated. This can be tracked in website hits.

### Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	<i>17,000</i>
<b>TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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