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	elated Activities Funds Request Summary						
Project Sponsor	Donald Rodriguez						
Activity Title	The Natural and Cultural History of Costa Rica						
Activity/Event Date	March 15-25, 2018						
Date Funding Needed By	January 2018						
Previously Funded?	Yes						
Semester/Year	Fall 2015						
Proposal #	0702						
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?	Yes						
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity	irareportform3CostaRica2016.pdf						
Additional Report #1	Costa_Rica_2017_evals.pdf						
Additional Report #2	-						
Additional Report #3	-						
Additional Proposers	-						
Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)	ESRM						
Estimated total Course Fee revenue	15,064.60						
Amount Requested from IRA	35,725.40						
Estimated Number of Students Participating	20						
Conditions and Considerations	Field Trip, International Travel						
Brief Activity Description	Based at field research stations in Las Baulas National Marine Reserve, Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, La Selva Biological Reserve, and Arenal National Park, participants will learn hearn about and participate in a variety of coastal and interior conservation studies, featuring aquatic and tremestrial research. Students will also participate in a community-based restoration programs and consider the opportunities and dilemmas of ecotourism. This course will allow students to experience relationships between core facets of CSUCI's mission: interdisciplinarity, international and multicultural experience, and service learning. Wherever, students will participate in a learning community in which their own perspectives are both valued and challenged by others and by real-life situations. Whiting will play a significant role in demonstrating learning outcomes both at the field site and upon return to campus. Detailed description of facilities, personnel, community, research goals, types of field work, travel details will be available by the start of the semester prior to travel during Spring Break.						
Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings	Learning Objectives: Upon Completion of this course students will be able to: • articulate an interdisciplinary understanding of the complexities of international consensation • demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between conservation initiatives and the local community • demonstrate a familiarity with field research techniques used during the project (for example GIS data collection, identification of species, and recording of species behavior) • analyze the effectiveness of service learning activities						
	The field research portion of this course relates directly to the ESRM curriculum, which emphasizes direct experience as well as understanding consenation goals within wider cultural, political, and ecological contexts. The literary, writing and cultural study aspects of the course may also attract Spanish majors and English majors seeking international and multicultural experiences. Communication majors emphasizing environmental issues, Biology students engaged in omithology will also be a priority in 2018.						
Description of Assessment Process	The culminating assessment of the course will be a poster session open to the university community in which students work in teams to represent the research they've participated in as well as their learning in other aspects of the course. Students will also be evaluated as to the quality and consistency of their participation in all aspects of the course. Examples of past posters and student reflection papers can be made available upon request (they actually accompanied the CIA application).						
Activity Budget	CopyofCostaRicaBudget_2018.xls						
CIA Budget	CopyofCostaRicaBudget_2018.xls						
CIA Proposal							
Course Syllabus	392SyllabusCostaRica 18.pdf						
Other Sources of	I certify that students attending this trip are not previous or repeat attendees of a prior International UNIV392 Trip Students in the course will be charged a course fee that covers airfare and additional course costs (approx. \$900/student=\$18,000).						
Funding	No formal support, but it's worth saying that our partner organization, The Great Basin Institute, contributes a great deal of staff time and expertise that is not reimbursed by the level of our funding. They view this as an outreach opportunity to expand their knowledge and connections internationally and to make a contribution to communities and ecceystems in Costa Rica. In addition, the faculty staff and students from Universidad Nacional in Costa Rica are not compensated for their time and effort through the grant. We are currently seeking additional funding through the Research Experiences for Undergraduates program within NSF to supplement/supplant future expenses.						
Target Audience/Student Marketing	When this course has been offered in the past we used global emails, posted flyers, and color posters to solicit student involvement. It should be noted that this course has always had twice as many applicants as we have room to accommodate. Students were selected based on faculty referrals, personal statement of interest, and representativeness of a diversity of majors. In past offerings students were from Business, Psychology, English, Spanish, Liberal Studies, Communication, Biology, and ESRM disciplines.						
Bring Benefit to Campus	A campus wide poster session and student led symposium is planned for April 13, 2017. Students will show videos, and explain their research to the broader campus community and to the general public. Students will advertise this session broadly on campus through posters, and flyers displayed across campus. This session facilitates recurring the next cadre of students for the course in subsequent years.						

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