Importance of Internationalization of Research and Development

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President Hitt’s Five Goals

- Goal 3: Provide international focus to our curricula and research programs.
Why Internationalization of R&D?

- Expands research portfolio and access to funding
- Leverage talent and resources in the US
- Participate in network of innovative and cutting edge research
- Increasing complexity and multi-disciplinarity of problems demands it
- Fosters global citizenship through engagement
Barriers and Challenges

Here are just a few:

- Defining internationalization
- Export laws and intellectual partner issues
- Measuring impact
- International research is expensive
- Cultural and communication issues
- Role in tenure and promotion
Who Funds International Research?

- World Health Organization
- USAID (PEER)
- United Nations Development Program
- NSF (PIRE, CNIC, supplements, IRES, workshops, REUs, all grants)
- NIH Fogarty International Center
- Private foundations
- Local, state economic development offices
- Multi-national corporations
- Foreign institutions (e.g., Horizon 2020)
Finding Research Opportunities

- Network
- Search engines (Pivot, Grants Forward, Newton’s List)
- Internal funding for travel
- Grants.com
- Ask funding agencies for supplements
- Explore fellow programs (e.g., Fulbright, CRDF)
Parting Thoughts

- Internationalization is not an end, it is a means to conduct research, teach, and learn
- Funding tends to go to programs not to individuals, build teams
- Communicate your international successes
- Need greater cooperation between ORC and UCF Office of Internationalization
- Contact Programs and become Reviewers