



## **Collaboration for Sustainable & Meaningful Impact**

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## **BACKGROUND**

- The Midwest Institute for IIE (MIIE) was created in 1992 under Title VI funding.
- MIIE is a consortium of two-year colleges and since 1995 is a self-funded non-profit educational association that has involved about 250 colleges.
- MIIE is based on the college coordinators to communicate and collaborate on projects/activities.
- Thirteen coordinators are elected biannually to the MIIE Board.
- All past projects/activities have strong collaborative components.



## **PRINCIPLES**

- **Collaborative Strategy**
- **Sustainable and Meaningful Projects**
- **Diverse Funding Sources**
- **Stakeholder Buy-in**



### **Sustainable & Meaningful Projects-Activities**

- Focus on faculty curriculum & professional development
- Diverse projects/activities to engage faculty
  - curriculum modules, courses, degrees, workshops, conferences, overseas experiences.
- Faculty involvement
  - input, programming, stakeholder, multi-disciplinary, inclusivity, respect, humility, accommodation, flexibility.
- Focus on the pedagogical needs and professional interests
  - curriculum-infusion, academic degrees, and overseas projects are long-term, sustainable strategies.
- Develop faculty as “agents of change”
  - faculty development has a multiplier effect.



### **Diverse Funding Sources & Stakeholders Sharing**

- Federal funding:
  - Title VI, Title VII, Fulbright GPA, USAID, NEH, NSF
- Foundations:
  - Kellogg, Stanley, Ford, Luce
- Colleges and faculty contribute
  - No “free riders”
- Diverse stakeholders and investment in faculty’s participation and future contribution across projects/activities.
- NRCs as essential partners
  - 25 years
  - Michigan State U., U. of Michigan, U. of Illinois, Ohio State U., U. of Wisconsin, U. of Washington, U. of Pennsylvania, U. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State U., U. of Texas-Austin, U. of California-Berkeley
  - co-sponsorships of weekend, one, two, & four-week workshops, conferences, traveling exhibits, Fulbright GPAs, share online platforms and resources, support campus & overseas research projects.

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