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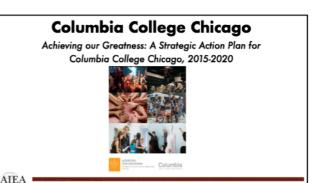
- 17 years employed in 3 positions involved in international education across campus
- \$8.2 Billion endowment (As of November
- Currently in \$5 Billion capital campaign
 • \$4.615 Billion from 124,460 Alumni
- Tremendous resources

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- About to enter my 17th month of employment in Office of Global Education (New con
- Declining enrollment since 2008 financial crisis
- ~\$142.6 Million endowment (As of
- · No current capital campaign that I'm aware of...
- · Could use a few more resources!

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Achieving our Greatness: A Strategic Action Plan for Columbia College Chicago, 2015-2020

Relevant highlights from strategic plan:

- "Our primary student success outcomes will be graduation and employment."
- "We affirm that employment is a desired outcome of a Columbia education, and we recognize that we must teach our students practical skills that help them to navigate the real world."
- "We also must provide the necessary support services to prepare them for employment and help them find employment upon graduation."
- "Assess and revise student support services and initiatives to ensure that all students receive adequate support for academic and employment success."
- "Our focus on readying students to succeed in careers that may not yet exist situates us at a leading edge of higher education in the early 21st century."
- "We will provide comprehensive academic and career advising to all students."

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What are we doing in the area of employability for our international student population and our students who study abroad?

Very little unfortunately...but, we started taking steps to correct this!

- At the most basic level we are helping the Columbia College community understand the basics of international student immigration and employment and CPT/OPT
 We have started conversations with the Career Center to better help our international student population to understand the job search process in the U.S
- We started conversations with the Career Center in December to begin programming/workshops to help students understand the career implications of study abroad
- The Career Center launched a new portfolio platform where students upload work samples, identify skills, and import coursework directly from Canvas and is interested to learn how/if we can integrate the platform into the study abroad experience to encourage students to document their experiential learning opportunities

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As a very young office at a smaller institution with limited funds and tightening fiscal policies seeing continued enrollment declines, how do we as a Global Education office balance our desire (need?) to increase both our incoming and outgoing student populations with the importance of supporting and preparing our students as they prepare to enter a changing labor market?

→ HOW DO WE PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR A CHANGING LABOR MARKET?

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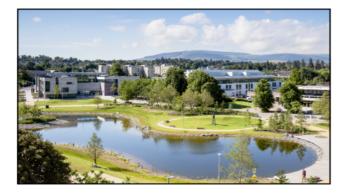
University College Dublin (UCD)

- · Ireland's Global University
 - 30,000 students in Ireland
 - 8,000 international students in Dublin (27.1% international)
 Largest Study Abroad enrolment in Ireland
 - 5,000 international students overseas
 - 250,000+ alumni in 165 countries
 - · Highest volume of publications in Ireland
 - Co-authored publications with over 7,000 international researchers in over 150 countries
 34% of faculty from outside Ireland

 - 5 UCD Global Centres

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USA, China, India, Asia-Pacific & Middle East





Keys to ranking success

- · QS Employability Ranking based on five criteria, including
 - · a large scale (42,000) employer reputation survey
 - a measure of partnerships with employers (including internships)
 the number of employer-student connections on campus
- UCD's success
 - · Focus on transferrable skills in the curriculum
 - Work-placement partnerships: moving beyond STEM, agriculture & healthcare to incorporate experiential options in arts, humanities and social sciences degrees

 Researcher partnerships with employers & industry collaboration

 Preferred university from which to hire graduates

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Support framework @ UCD

- UCD Career Development Centre
 In support of students, alumni, employers and faculty
 Multiple activities and initiatives, including 2 co-curricular skills awards
 UCD Embark: promotes and encourages engagement with UCD life, facilitates transition to university
 UCD Advantage: recognises the skills, knowledge and experience gained through participation in co-curricular activity
- Career Development and Employability Strategy developed in 2018

- University-wide strategy
 Provision in new UCP Regulations for inclusion of employability statements as part of programme learning outcomes

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International students & employability

- 8,000 international students at UCD 27% of all students in
 - 3,000 EU (non-Irish) 5,000 non-EU
- Employability skills and employment outcomes a key driver in choosing Ireland and UCD
- Ireland extended its Third Level Graduate Programme (cf. Post-Study Work Rights) in 2017 from 12 to 24 months for master's-level and PhD graduates
- Immediate & sharp increase in international student interest & applications

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Building bridges on-campus

- Close working relationship between UCD International & UCD Career Development Centre
 - Membership of working group for new Strategy
 - Development of online Jumpstart career development course (tailored to students on 1 year Masters programmes)
- How do we know that we're supporting international students appropriately?
- Resolving questions of bias/prejudice against international students in the job market

 Outreach to HR professionals & industry bodies(& via UCD Alumni)

 Demystification of Third Level Graduate Programme visa status

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Building bridges - new ideas

EAIE Spotlight Seminar on Graduate Employability (Dublin, April 2019)



- Appointment of a Global Experience Manager
- Outbound Mobility Working Group (global internships?)

Food for Thought

- How do you manage international student expectations on employability skills and future employment outcomes?
- · How de we prepare our students for a changing labor market?
- What's your strategic vision about bridging the gap between education and the world of work?

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Food for Thought

- What role do you see for international internships in support of employability?
 - On your campus, who has responsibility for these? Careers or International Office or both?
- What role do you envisage for SIOs to build an entrepreneurial culture on-campus?
- How does your internationalization plan support graduate employability?

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