

HAMEL CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

International Research Opportunities Program (IROP)

Cultural and Language Preparation

Cultural preparation and foreign language competency are essential components of an IROP project. Answer the following questions about your readiness to engage a foreign culture.

Name

Country proposed for project

Project site or institution

Language required at your site

CHOICE OF COUNTRY:

In your project proposal, you will have explained how your project is related to the country to which you will travel. In addition to the connection to your project, what else in particular interests you about this country?

How will you learn about the country you propose as your research site? (For example, consult with mentors and other students who are citizens from that country? Research the country through UNH Global? Take coursework?) Include a brief bibliography of works about your country that you will consult.

What cultural differences do you expect to encounter? What sorts of accommodations do you expect you will have to make?

LANGUAGE PREPARATION:

For non-English speaking destinations: If you will be speaking English exclusively, indicate here and skip the following questions.

What language will you speak to conduct your project? What level of fluency will you need? (e.g. Will you conduct interviews in this language? Read texts? Have conversations with other researchers?) Will you require a translator?

What informal training do you have in this language? (e.g., Are you a native speaker? Have you lived or traveled in the country before?)

What formal training do you have in this language? List high school and college-level courses. (Note: 631- and 632-level courses are the minimum required for proficiency.)

If you are not already proficient in the language of your country, how do you plan to acquire proficiency before you travel?