

# **Scholarly Collaborations: Advancing the Literature on Short-Term, Cross Border, Offshore and Outbound Mobility Experiences**

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The trend towards the delivery of university programs across national borders is compelling evidence of the internationalisation of Higher Education (HE) in the 21st Century. There are many examples within HE institutions where schools and research groups, for example, have identified the need for a more global perspective and greater international engagement for both faculty and students. The benefits of an outbound experience can, however, be confused as a ‘trip overseas’, ‘a cool thing’ or ‘a fun-filled semester off’. The value of outbound mobility at the HE level is multifaceted and offers benefits to individuals, institutions, employers and the broader community. While considerable material has been published on the ramifications of increased numbers of ‘onshore’ international students, there is comparatively little published research on the specific challenges facing ‘outbound’ HE staff and students. The author-practitioner has been responsible for editing a *Handbook of Research on Study Abroad Programs and Outbound Mobility* comprising of 30 chapters and combining the expertise of 66 scholars across 10+ countries (e.g., Croatia, Germany, Hong Kong, and Turkey). This presentation will elucidate how these international scholars across different sectors (e.g., government, education abroad and exchanges offices, colleges and universities) collaborated to produce an expansive empirically-based resource. Such synergy enabled the following objectives to be achieved: to broaden pedagogical expertise; to engage in intellectual exchange; to enrich existing programs/courses or create new ones; to expand on professional contacts; and to explore the latest opportunities that arise from short-term, cross border, offshore and outbound mobility offerings across disciplines such as Business, Engineering, Foreign Languages, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work, and Teacher Training.

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