Dear Extension Colleagues:

An international experience in Cap Haitian, Haiti is open to two Extension Educators with varying backgrounds in food preservation, animal, business, crop/soil, community engagement, and/or water. The Educators will accompany an International Engagement Methods class along with Dr. Mark Russell, Professor of Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication and Dr. Jeneen Abrams, Plant Research Scientist in Botany and Plant Pathology. The class mission is to strengthen the human capacity of lifelong learners from Haiti and Purdue with the following objectives: to encourage . . .

- increased sustainability in agricultural production
- broadening mindsets on opportunities in agriculture
- growth in domestic businesses
- strong academic and business partnerships among all stakeholders

Continuing global challenges facing Haiti include government infrastructure, food security and safety, economic sustainability, and access to health and education systems. This service-learning course is now in its eighth year and attempts to address these challenges through university partnerships and an agri-symposium. There will also be an emphasis on development of intercultural competencies through reflections and team projects.

The travel to Cap Haitian is during winter break December 28, 2019 - January 6, 2020. Classes will meet weekly on Monday 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm, LILY 3-102 – educators are not required to attend weekly classes.

Program information:
- We are seeking two educators with diverse backgrounds and an interest in mentoring students and intercultural learning.
- Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication department will pay for international, in-country travel, lodging, all scheduled meals, admission/entrance and tour costs. For more information, please visit https://ag.purdue.edu/ipia/studyabroad/Pages/programs.aspx?cat=Winter%20Break%20Program

Expectations for Educators:
- Educators will serve as mentors to three teams of three students each enrolled in the study abroad program.
- Educators will guide students to create a reflective video that will be shown at the end of program event. Educator attendance is highly recommended.
- Educators will be a guest lecturer in class (preferable) or via webex about a topic decided by Drs Abrams and Russell. Educators will also present in Haiti during the symposium on a topic decided together with Drs Abrams and Russell.
- Educators will participate in pre and post surveys related to international competencies for research purposes. Educators will be able to participate in and schedule an IDI (Intercultural Development Inventory) debrief that fits their schedule.
- Educators will participate in some cultural awareness training prior to departure.
- Educators will lead reflection discussions while in Haiti.
• Educators will journal with reflective questions along with student mentees.
• Educators can make local, in-country connections separate from students, if needed.

If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please discuss it with both your County Extension Director and District Director. Once you have done so, fill out the interest form located here.

This information is due no later than 4 p.m., Friday, September 6.

Educators will be notified by Friday, September 20.

For more questions, email Amanda Dickson or Mark Russell (mrussell@purdue.edu; 765-494-8423).