International Scholars & Information Literacy Skills: Outreach & Instruction

About Pre-Academic Fulbright Program (Fulbright)
- Master’s & PhD students from around the world
- 4 week Intensive English immersion program including instruction on graduate level research
- Prepare for graduate degree work

About Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP)
- Teaching faculty from Southeastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia
- Beginning stages of their academic careers
- Attending AEC’s Intensive English immersion program for 4 weeks including instruction on graduate level research
- Prepare for semester long opportunity to research at an American University

International Students & The University of Kansas
As of Spring 2011
2093 registered international students from 110 different countries

Challenges with Outreach with Applied English Center (AEC)
- One librarian for AEC department
- Individual preparations required for each class
- Year round instruction requests
- Follow-up request(s) by scholars

Challenges with Instructing International Scholars
- Language(s) barriers
- Cultural Differences
- Lack of experience with academic level research
- Lack of experience with technology and/or
- Limited access to technology
- Preoccupation with what’s to come
- Visa delays; late arrivals to the States

Overall Instruction Sessions for the AEC
2003: 4 sessions
2004: 7 sessions
2005: 5 sessions
2006: 9 sessions
2007: 5 sessions
2008: 15 sessions
2009: 26 sessions
2010: 21 sessions
2011: 20 sessions

Goals and Directions with the Applied English Center and Short-Term Programs

Outreach
- Consistent contact with AEC administrators, faculty and instructors
- Continue contact and be proactive in outreach

Information Literacy Instruction
- Administrators and faculty contact
- Libraries 1-2 months before program visits; Some integration with curriculum
- LibGuides for International students and scholars
- Full integration into curriculum for both programs

Assessment
- Some assessment
- Assessment using WASSAIL

LEGEND
- Home countries of visiting scholars
AEC - Applied English Center
JFDP - Junior Faculty Development Program
Fulbright - Pre-Academic Fulbright Program

The work that you do is exceptional! Your enthusiasm for the possibilities open to graduate students and faculty scholars through library resources is truly inspiring and it is humble to know that these program participants light up when they begin to find information in their specific areas of research! Several [scholars] have told me directly that you are very approachable and have been a lot of help to them.

~ Margaret Coffey
Associate Director of the AEC
In an email dated 1/13/2010