SELF ASSESSMENT

- Career goals
- Previous experience
- Academic preparation
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Potential learning objectives
- Tolerance for the unfamiliar, uncertainty, and change
- Personal preferences in terms of topic, geographic location
- Time of year/length of experience
- Financial resources
OPTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES

- Participate in an existing Pitt-based project
OPTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES

- Connect with a Pitt faculty member who is engaged abroad
OPTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply for internships/practicums offered by external organizations
OPTIONS FOR IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES

- Contact an external organization and develop your own experience
ADVISORS/MENTORS

1. Pitt advisor/mentor
2. Site advisor/mentor

Site advisors must:
- Have relevant knowledge and experience
- Be willing to supervise your work and assess your performance
- Have knowledge of local context (cultural, regulatory, political)
HOST ORGANIZATION

May serve as a(n):

- Gateway to the community or population of interest
- Source of data
- Translator/interpreter
- Expert on legal and regulatory requirements
- Liaison with local ethics committee
- Expert on food, transportation, lodging, other issues
Each funder will have a set of requirements, for example:

- Eligibility and other submission requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Post-project obligations
PITT FUNDING SOURCES

- Academic department at Pitt Public Health
- Center for Global Health (www.globalhealth.pitt.edu)
- UCIS: International Studies Fund (www.ucis.pitt.edu)
- Women’s Studies: Student Research Fund (www.wstudies.pitt.edu/researchfund.html)
- Nationality Rooms Scholarships (www.ucis.pitt.edu/natrooms/)
EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Local and regional chapters of civic organizations
- Local ethnic organizations/clubs
- Local and regional foundations
- Local and regional corporations
PROJECT-RELATED FACTORS

- Does the project address an important issue?
- Is it relevant to the local community?
- Is it feasible?
- Is it congruent with learning objectives?
- Are there local laws and regulations that apply?
- What are the social, political, and cultural factors that must be considered?
- Are the required resources available?
- What are the language issues?
OTHER FACTORS

- Health
- Safety
- Logistics
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