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Union University is uniquely positioned as a leader in 21st century missions. Furthermore, intercultural engagement—including community development, humanitarian outreach, and integrative skills—is essential for a globalized world and increasingly important to our student population.

The Center for Intercultural Engagement (CIE)—integratively situated, structured, and staffed—provides campus-wide intercultural academic programming support. By optimizing the missional impact that our students and our community members have here and around the globe, the CIE bolsters Union’s broader mission of supporting interculturally-engaged, Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

The CIE “Iteam” consists of staff and faculty members who are committed to providing guidance, support, instruction, and development for intercultural academic initiatives grounded in current theory and research, current practices found across the academy, the International Education Industry, and our core values.

The CIE partners with both academic departments and various divisions of student services to develop and implement interculturally-engaged curricular and co-curricular programming in two broad areas: the Study Abroad program and the International Student Program.

The Study Abroad program, housed in Union’s Center for Intercultural Engagement, provides structured support for both domestic and international curricular and co-curricular initiatives. Working with faculty and students, the Study Abroad program uses expertise in off-site travel, course transcription

