

CIS: Research Project Plan Form / Proposal



To the student and faculty mentor

One way to complete the required CIS practicum experience is by completing a research project on an international topic and presenting it at a booth during a CIS Culture Night. The objective is to acquire an in-depth understanding of an international issue, concern, or realm of knowledge, and then to help others understand what you have learned.

To assure that your planned project matches the expectations of the CIS program, please complete this form and submit it to CIS Magnet Director, **before** you start the research.

The following steps will guide you through this project:

1. Work with a faculty mentor who supports your project & will guide you through the process.
2. Collaborate with your faculty mentor to select and narrow a topic about which you are truly interested.
3. Complete this Research Project Plan Form and submit to the CIS Director, with signatures from you and your faculty mentor.
4. Research your topic in depth.
5. Write a paper on the topic, using MLA format, minimum of five (5) typed pages, double-spaced in size 12 font; include a Works Cited page in addition; this substitutes for the Practicum Report. Instead of a paper, this project could take the form of a creative product, such as a one-act play or short story which concerns itself with the international topic of your research, minimum 5 pages. This substitutes the Practicum Report
6. Set up and present a booth at a CIS culture night, which includes not only a physical display, but also a game, activity, or food which involves participants.
7. Attach Practicum Cover to report (found at the end of this form) and submit within 30 days of finishing activity

Sample topics: *(These broad topics would need narrowing)* Comparative Health Benefits of Mediterranean & Indian Diets, Challenges of Migration to America (based on multiple interviews), U.S.-Cuba Relations, International Efforts to Explore Space (or to Eradicate the Zika Virus), Immigration in America 100 Years Ago & Today, African Influences on American Jazz, Indian Influences on the Music of the Beatles, Bollywood, Comparative Politics, the Refugee Crisis, Independence Movements in the World Today, the Olympics & International Affairs.

Note: Instead of a paper, this project could take the form of a creative product, such as a one-act play or short story, which concerns itself with the international topic of your research, minimum 5 pages. Approval from faculty mentor needed

About you

Your name _____

Your grade _____ email address _____

About the Research Project

Name and description of project/what do you hope to learn?:

Name of faculty mentor:

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Detailed description of your focus and project: _____

Expected format (Paper? Short story? Play? Etc.) _____

Resources you intend to use: _____

Likely person(s) to interview and what accounts for their expertise in this area: _____

Current ideas regarding your booth/presentation: _____

Intended date of completion: _____

Intended dates of short meetings with mentor: _____

To the faculty mentor:

The CIS Magnet requires each student to complete a “practicum,” a long-term international experience that increases students’ insight and understanding of the world. One way of completing this requirement involves completing a research project on an international topic.

The role of the mentor is only to facilitate the student’s progress and help assure that the work is completely his or her own. Periodic short meetings are important to help make sure the student is on-track and is heading in the right direction, but these are the student’s responsibility to arrange, not yours. Your knowledge and guidance may be helpful in suggesting an appropriate person to interview, a format that would be most appropriate for the student, issues that ought to be included, etc. The project should otherwise be completely the work of the student. You may have a very powerful impact on the educational growth of this student.

Student and mentor: Please sign your intention to complete a research project (student) and facilitate in the development of the project (mentor).

Student name (printed)

Student signature

Teacher name (printed)

Teacher signature

Date _____

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_____ Approved _____ Not approved

_____ Initials