India Field School Wins National Award for Academic Programming

Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) [1] awards the Panorama Excellence Award [2], academic category to University of Guelph's India Field School at its 50th Annual Conference. This excellence award is awarded to a team or individual who has demonstrated innovation and excellence in design, planning, implementation and management of high quality endeavours in international education.

University of Guelph's India Field School [3] is unique in its educational design and collaborative relationship between academic and non-academic units. The field school consists of a 12-week, for-credit, pre-departure course which combines disciplinary learning in political science with the theory and application of intercultural competence acquisition; students then spend four weeks in India involved in intensive, community engaged, experiential learning. This combination of intercultural learning with discipline-specific content was further enhanced by engaging the students in a research project to measure the trajectory of their intercultural development over the course of the program. The result is a program that is interdisciplinary, sensitive to local host organizations, stimulating to students, and productive in its contributions to the research on teaching and learning in an intercultural context.

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