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**University of Sherbrooke Program Receives Association of International Education Administrator's Innovation Award in Internationalization**

Washington, DC – February 20, 2018 – AIEA presented the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec, Canada with the Innovation Award in Internationalization for its initiative “An Interdisciplinary and Integrated approach to enriching health-professional programs in Global Health.” Dr. Carol Valois from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences accepted the award on behalf of the program.

The AIEA Innovation Award in Internationalization highlights exceptional programs, projects, or initiatives aimed at advancing internationalization. As colleges and universities around the US come to increasingly recognize the value and importance of pursuing internationalization as a distinct and intentional project, the need grows for models regarding various aspects of this work. Many international education leaders work tirelessly with passion, vision and commitment to pursue internationalization in ways to best meet institutional needs. Some of this work is not only effective, but outstanding, and worthy of emulation by others who are either new to the field or value new approaches to the work they do.

The University of Sherbrooke's project is an important example of the impact of the comprehensive internationalization of higher education and how internationalization of the curriculum and internationalization at home contribute to addressing global issues.

Acknowledging the fact that faculties and universities are under the pressure to respond to global challenges by providing knowledge, expertise and solutions, the faculty of medicine and health sciences of University of Sherbrooke provides professionals and students with opportunity to integrate global health issues into their programs and practice.

With the objective of ensuring that “all health-care professionals are committed to global health, socially responsible, and more competent at serving vulnerable or excluded populations,” this initiative has the goal of ensuring students build global health competencies, and enrich curricula with multidisciplinary and global approaches. The project has impacted professors, administrators, and students in the institutional.

The main objective of the awarded project is to “ensure that all health-care professionals are committed to global health, socially responsible, and more competent at serving vulnerable or excluded populations.” It aims at ensuring that all health-professional students develop a certain level of global health competency and to enrich the curriculum of four existing programs with global health content in a multidisciplinary approach. This project has benefited to all professors, educational and administrative



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leaders as well as all students in four undergraduate programs: Medicine, Nursing Sciences, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

AIEA recognizes this initiative as an example of internationalizing the curriculum and the teaching and learning approach by adapting to a global reality and in a multidisciplinary context. Aligning theory and practice, it enriches the program and equips the future professionals with useful knowledge and highly demanded competencies. It is expected that this program will expand in the coming five years and will give students more opportunities for advanced activities in global health. The University envisions local, national and international collaborations in this area.

AIEA recognizes the University of Sherbrooke for this project and especially for its effectiveness, for its impact on the disciplines and for transforming the grand challenge of global health into an opportunity for curriculum internationalization.

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