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Appendix A: Application Motivating Questions

1. Given your aspirations and goals, indicate your reasons for applying for this international opportunity.
2. How can this opportunity benefit you personally?
3. How can this opportunity benefit you academically?
4. How will you exercise your role of ambassadorship while abroad?
5. How will you exercise your role of ambassadorship upon your return to Canada/[university]?

Appendix B: Participation Tracking

Participation Activity: Italy

Participant	One-on-One Interviews	Focus Group	Summation
I001	X	X	X
I002			X
I003	X	X	X
I004	X	X	X
I005	X	X	X
I006		X	X
I007			X
I008	X	X	X
I009	X	X	X
I010	X		

X= Participation

Participation Activity: Kenya

Participant	One-on-One Interviews	Focus Group	Summation
K001		X	X
K002	X		X
K003	X		
K004	X		
K005	X		

X = Participation

Appendix C: Interview Questions

Individual Interview Questions for the International Practicum

For this study of the international practicum experience the following are the guiding research questions:

1. How was the preparation for the international practicum experience helpful/not helpful for participants?
2. What is the role of the faculty advisor on international teaching placements? How can faculty advisors support teacher candidate growth?
3. What new learning or understandings emerged for participants as a result of participation in an international teaching practicum?
4. What were the benefits and challenges associated with this experience?

The following questions will be asked by the research assistant in an individual interview of study participants:

1. Why did you decide to participate in an international practicum?
2. Have you travelled to an international destination/s before? If yes, please describe the context.
3. Can you describe your preparation for the international practicum experience?
 - How well prepared did you feel? What worked well? Do you have any suggestions regarding preparations for the next group of teacher candidates to go on an international placement?
 - Did you do anything on your own to prepare for the placement (other than the obvious forms, passport, etc.)?
4. What reflections or questions do you have about teaching in Italy/Kenya?
 - What were the benefits of participating in an international practicum?
 - What were the drawbacks or challenges?
 - What did you observe about classroom management? Assessment?
5. What reflections or questions do you have about the experience of living and working in another culture?
6. How do you feel about an international employment opportunity?
7. What are features of the school system that are similar to our Canadian schools?
8. What are features of the school system that are different from our Canadian schools?
9. What are features of the school system that are reflective of their society's values and norms?
10. What would you recommend to future teacher candidates on international placements? How could international placements be improved?
11. Any other comments?

Appendix D: Focus Group Questions

Focus Group Questions about the International Practicum

The following questions will be asked by a research assistant in a focus group session that will take place several months (Fall 2011) after the conclusion of the international practicums in May 2011.

1. When you think about your international practicum experience, what comes to mind about what you learned?
2. Now that several months have elapsed, have any new thoughts, ideas, or questions about the experience surfaced for you? If so, can you describe them?
3. Can you talk about the impact/lack of impact of an international practicum from your perspective?
4. Did you feel you were well prepared for the international practicum experience?
 - What worked well? What did not work well? Do you have any suggestions regarding preparations for the next group of teacher candidates to go on an international placement?
5. What reflections or questions do you have about teaching in Italy/Kenya?
 - What were the benefits of participating in an international practicum?
 - What were the drawbacks or challenges?
6. What reflections or questions do you have about the experience of living and working in another culture?
7. How do you feel about an international employment opportunity?
8. What would you recommend to future teacher candidates on international placements? How could international placements be improved?
9. Any other comments?



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