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Fund for Education Abroad Expands Study Abroad Scholarship Access with Terra Dotta Solution

Terra Dotta Technology Automates Scholarship Application Process for Students Underrepresented in US Study Abroad Population

Chapel Hill, N.C., May 29, 2018 – <u>Terra Dotta</u>, the trusted leader in higher education travel risk management, study abroad and international programs management solutions, today announced that the <u>Fund for Education Abroad</u> (FEA) is using its Study Abroad solution to automate and scale its scholarship application process. Providing private scholarships to students who are underrepresented among the US study abroad population, FEA has used Terra Dotta to accommodate exponential growth—quadrupling its volume of scholarship applications processed—over the past nine years.

"Receiving and processing thousands of applications each year for our study abroad scholarships is a big endeavor—including evaluating essays and recommendations as well as gathering financial and demographic data," said Jennifer Calvert, executive director, FEA. "As a result of efficiencies realized through Terra Dotta, FEA introduced a second application cycle annually and received an additional 1700 applications just last year. We've also used the solution to deliver tailored student correspondence, including referring them to alternate funding resources in the event they are not awarded a scholarship."

Founded in 2010 as a 501(c)(3) organization addressing the needs for an independent study abroad scholarship provider, FEA makes life-changing, international experiences accessible by supporting minority, community college and first-generation college students before, during and after they participate in education abroad programs. With the help of Terra Dotta's solution, the organization has processed thousands of applications. Since FEA's inception it has awarded \$1.7 million in scholarships to 425 undergraduate students across the US.

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"We are honored that FEA is using Terra Dotta to automate its comprehensive and personalized scholarship process for underrepresented groups in study abroad," said Brandon Lee, CEO of Terra Dotta. "We look forward to helping more students experience education abroad as FEA continues to add new scholarships and scale their application process."

Terra Dotta is exhibiting at the NAFSA 2019 Annual Conference & Expo, taking place May 26-31 in Washington, DC (booth P1001).

About Terra Dotta

<u>Terra Dotta</u> is the trusted leader in higher education travel, study abroad and international program management solutions. Over 600 institutional offices use Terra Dotta's enterprise-wide cloud solutions and mobile apps to automate and streamline all aspects of global collegiate travel and international student programs. The company's solutions and expertise help higher education teams optimize study abroad and international programs enrollment, deliver real-time, GPS-driven travel communication for students and faculty, facilitate international agreements and partnerships and ensure compliance and risk mitigation for international travel/scholar programs worldwide. Terra Dotta is based in Chapel, N.C. and can be found at <u>www.terradotta.com</u>.

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