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HOUGHTON, Mich. - Universities in **Michigan**, New York, **France** and **Italy** are collaborating on a new master's degree program that combines the study of volcanoes and earth science.

The **U.S. Department of Education** is giving grants totaling \$920,000 to start the International Volcanology and Geotechniques program.

It's being offered at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, the **State University of New York** at Buffalo, France's Universite **Blaise Pascal** in **Clermont** Ferrand and Italy's University of Milan-Bicocca.

Michigan Tech says the grants cover five years of the program at the four universities. It says its students will spend significant amounts of time at the European schools, which are known for their expertise on volcanoes.

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