



International Programs at the University of Iowa

Study Abroad

UI students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of learning abroad options, including UI faculty-led programs or through affiliated providers, as well as experiential learning experiences such as internships abroad, international service programs, or international research.

- Helped **692** students study abroad in 51 different countries in 2019-20 (decline of 624 from previous year due to COVID-19).
- More than **\$800,000** was awarded to students for study abroad in 2019-20, including academic, diversity, and need-based awards (decline of ~\$330,000 from previous year due to COVID-19).
- Received the prestigious Heiskell Award for its innovative India Winterim program; the largest U.S. study abroad program in India.

Top 10 Study Abroad Destinations for UI Students

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| 1. U.K. | 6. India |
| 2. Spain | 7. Greece |
| 3. Italy | 8. France |
| 4. China | 9. Ireland |
| 5. Australia | 10. Swaziland |



"Study abroad has made me a better person – a more empathetic person – I'm becoming a global citizen of this world."

-José, studied abroad in the U.K.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

A record number of **23** students were awarded Fulbright U.S. Student Program grants for 2020-21. The UI has been named a 'top producer' of Fulbright students in each of the last five years by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.



International Students

As a top-ranked, public research university with a global reputation, the UI values the benefits that come from a diverse student population. In 2020, over **2,509** international students studied or conducted post-graduate research at the UI from **99** foreign countries and territories (student decline of 654 from previous year due to COVID-19).

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides leadership in international education and intercultural learning through services to international students and scholars, their dependents, the university, and the surrounding community. ISSS enhances the academic, cultural, and social pursuits of UI students and scholars through exceptional immigration and personal advising as well as outstanding cross-cultural programming and training.

Top 10 Home Countries of UI International Students

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| 1. China | 6. Malaysia |
| 2. India | 7. Nigeria |
| 3. South Korea | 8. Canada |
| 4. Iran | 9. Pakistan |
| 5. Bangladesh | 10. Turkey |



"I flew 9,000 miles to study at the University of Iowa and I've never regretted it."

-Wendy, international student from Singapore

Stanley Awards for International Research

More than **\$65,000** was awarded to **29** UI students to pursue research and learning activities abroad in 2020. 22 countries and 17 academic disciplines were represented by the recipients' intended projects.

Due to COVID-19, the majority of award recipients were able to pivot their plans to undertake their research projects from the United States.



Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization

The University of Iowa was recognized in 2017 with the Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, one of only four institutions nationwide. The award recognizes colleges and universities that are making significant, well-planned, well-executed, and well-documented progress toward comprehensive internationalization—especially those using innovative and creative approaches.

Grant-Writing Assistance

The International Programs Grants Office assists faculty and staff in the development of grant proposals for external funding in support of their research, teaching, and service goals.

In recent years, UI faculty received funding for a range of international programming and research activities. Such funding has been awarded from various sponsors, including the Korea Foundation, the Max Kade Foundation, the Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program, the Knight Foundation, United States-India Educational Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education.



Assistant Professor Anita Jung was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to India

K-12 Outreach

International Programs supports internationalization in Iowa schools.

- Yearly Global Education Institute for Teachers—trains K-12 educators on the best methods to incorporate global perspectives into their curriculum
- International Classroom Journeys—international students and visitors make presentations about their home countries to area school children
- Culture Kits—these kits contain artifacts from around the world and are available for use by schools and community groups

WorldCanvass

- Live discussion program on global topics featuring experts from Iowa and the world
- Programs are available as a podcast over multiple platforms and websites
- Allows Iowans and listeners from around the world to engage on important topics of the day

International Alumni Outreach

- International Programs reaches out to the over 9,000 UI alumni living abroad.
- By hosting global alumni events, producing a quarterly newsletter, and engaging with alumni through domestic and Chinese social media, International Programs augments the UI's connection with this group.

Academic Centers and Programs

Our academic centers and programs create opportunities for faculty to contribute to the global mission of the UI; advance research and teaching through a focus on trans-collegiate issues and perspectives; provide opportunities for faculty and students across disciplines to interact and collaborate; and develop public engagement projects to benefit communities in Iowa and abroad. We currently have eight such entities, two of which are currently funded via endowments or external grants.

Creation and Discovery

The UI maintains **171** formal linkages with **146** external organizations around the globe to foster coordination of international research and partnerships, promote networking and collaboration, and celebrate global partnerships.

These relationships, as well as innumerable informal partnerships, enhance the education of our students and offer rich international experiences and professional connections.

Faculty Funding Spotlight: Global Curriculum Development Award

The Global Curriculum development Award is given to faculty creating a new undergraduate course, or substantially revising an existing course, in order to integrate international or global perspectives into an undergraduate major.

The Global Curriculum Development Award allowed UI Associate Professor of Instruction Irina Kostina to create a new course, "The North Caucasus as a Crossroad of Civilization," designed to explore past and present global issues in the North Caucasus region. It covered threats to peace, such as terrorism, and the export of the North Caucasus jihad, and women's rights violations. Kostina not only wanted students to come away with an understanding of these issues, but also to propose solutions.



Associate Professor Irina Kostina

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