



LSA GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Learning beyond the classroom

Research shows that studying abroad helps undergraduates develop a greater awareness of global affairs, including political, educational, societal, and economic issues. As they develop a more mature worldview, students gain a deeper understanding and respect for global issues. Widely recognized as one of the nation's finest global institutions, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) at the University of Michigan is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for our students to cultivate a global perspective. Undergraduates may choose from study abroad programs, faculty-led travel experiences, living/learning communities, rigorous foreign language programs, and international research and internships—all opportunities that enable participants to see the world from a number of fresh perspectives.

And studying abroad sets new graduates apart from their peers in the job market. Employers are looking for the skills that students typically develop through immersion in a different culture—critical thinking, self-sufficiency, flexibility, communication skills, as well as intercultural knowledge and awareness. Through their experiences in our global education program, our students gain a competitive advantage in securing their first job after graduation and as they build their careers. The number of students participating in global experiences has been steadily growing—thanks in large part to the funding provided by LSA Global Experience Scholarships. As interest grows, it is vital that the college have the resources to be able to provide study abroad opportunities for all students who have a desire to engage in the world and learn about other cultures from first-hand experience.

LSA GLOBAL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship support is vital to enable more LSA students to study abroad and prepare to be global citizens. Although every trip differs in its programmatic and travel costs, the average financial commitment is a sizeable burden for many students. More undergraduates have been able to participate in a global experience because of scholarship support, and the demand continues to grow. Scholarship awards vary depending upon the length and cost of the program and the level of student financial need. Support is awarded to help with tuition and program fees, as well as airfare, insurance, and travel costs. An endowed gift of \$100,000 could support two to three students each year in perpetuity, while an annual gift of \$10,000 would support two students for one summer.

LSA INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The very best way to gain a thorough knowledge of a language and a culture is to spend time immersed in that culture. Internships are particularly valuable since they provide opportunities to improve practical language and cultural skills while gaining work experience interacting with people on a daily basis in a variety of settings. Gifts for LSA International Internship Scholarships make it possible for more of our students to build language fluency in a global marketplace.

LSA International Internship Scholarships support students with living, working, and travel expenses on international internships during the spring or summer terms. Funding may also provide stipends for students in unpaid summer internships who, without such support, would not be able to participate because of financial need. An annual gift of \$10,000 could support two students for a summer internship. An endowed gift of \$100,000 will provide funding for two to five students in perpetuity.



“For many underprivileged students, studying abroad can be thought of as unattainable due to costs. As a Puerto Rican first-generation student, I rarely traveled within the United States and didn’t leave the country until I studied abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia, as a junior in college.”

–Jailene Acevedo, A.B. International Studies (International Security, Norms and Cooperation) ‘21; A.B. Russian ’21



CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND INTERCULTURAL STUDY

The Center for Global and Intercultural Study (CGIS) brings together in one location the wide variety of options available for LSA students to pursue learning around the world. CGIS offers undergraduates more than 70 programs in 30 countries—from short-term summer service learning projects to traditional year-long study abroad. Opportunities available include:

SPRING/SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE IMMERSION COURSES

Spring- or summer-term intensive language immersion courses allow students to complete the final two courses of their language requirement during one intensive six- to ten-week term abroad. Students develop fluency as they live with host families, spend four hours in language instruction each day, and participate in community life.

GLOBAL INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates (GIEU) is a program that offers students the opportunity to extend their learning beyond traditional classroom boundaries by engaging in short-term (three or four week) summer service projects around the world.

GLOBAL COURSE CONNECTIONS (GCC)

During the fall or winter term, students enroll in courses that have a study abroad component immediately following the end of term. Participants travel with classmates and their instructor to a location where they can experience first-hand what they studied in the classroom.



"This scholarship gave me the opportunity to expand my horizons, to travel to a place where I've dreamed of always going, to interact with and learn about a culture that I knew little about and to represent the ideas and morals of the University of Michigan abroad. "

—Alejandro, GCC: in Kyoto, Japan



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Global Scholars Program (GSP) is an intercultural living-learning community on the U-M campus that challenges students to focus on social justice education on a global level. GSP brings together international and U.S. sophomores, juniors, and seniors to live and work together to promote intercultural understanding.

RESEARCH ACTION PROJECTS

GSP students work in small collaborative groups to conduct research action projects, which include in-depth research followed by action related to global issues. One group, for example, explored urbanization in the Delray community of Detroit. GSP students visited the neighborhood to meet with people involved in the community, such as educators, environmentalists, and community organizers. Not only did the GSP students become keenly aware of neighborhood issues through this project, they also were able to present their findings as a poignant lesson about how issues addressed separately in a classroom setting often are inextricably linked within a community setting.

On a more global scale, another group examined the effectiveness of global poverty education campaigns on the public. Their research focused on how public opinions are shaped by existing global poverty interventions, as well as on ways to increase awareness on the U-M campus. One organization they examined was particularly compelling, so they invited that group to campus for a public presentation and raised funds to pay for the related expenses.

Annual gifts of \$10,000 to \$50,000 are needed to make it possible for this action-based, immersive learning experience to continue; and you can specify if your gift may be used to support international as well as U.S. students.

WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities change lives. Wills, estate, and planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy that will enable the best and brightest minds to experience a liberal arts education, solve problems in a changing world, and yield ideas and innovations that will make a difference in Michigan and around the globe.

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