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- Ensured university compliance with federal immigration regulations
- Helped international students and scholars stay in status through convenient advising and efficient document processing
- Prepared international students for success through orientation and follow-up programs
- Continued expansion of international sponsored student services
- Assisted MU departments with hosting and hiring of international faculty and staff
- Provided immigration services in support of MU's research capacity
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- Provided campuswide support for study abroad
- Addressed student financial barriers through scholarships and early planning
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- Coordinated and promoted events that raise awareness of international education and issues
- Shared knowledge and expertise within the field of international education and beyond

# ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The International Center facilitates all things international at the University of Missouri. We raise awareness and foster dialogue on critical world issues.

## INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

The center works with faculty and staff from across campus to develop and maintain MU's relationships with institutions around the world. We also facilitate on-campus internationalization through curriculum and faculty development projects.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

Our staff provides comprehensive support services to MU's international community — students, faculty, staff and their dependents come to MU from more than 100 countries. In doing so, the center also serves a critical compliance role for the university required by federal immigration regulations.

## STUDY ABROAD

The center coordinates, develops and administers quality programs that enable MU students to study outside the United States. 1-in-5 MU students choose to enhance their academic experience — gaining an appreciation and understanding of other nations and cultures — through study abroad.

Finally, the International Center collaborates to build international connections on campus and in the community, offering a variety of opportunities to get involved with MU's global programs.



# INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

## ADVANCED MU RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

The International Center guides the development and review of the university's international memorandums of understanding initiated at the departmental, college and campus levels. MU has more than 220 active agreements with institutions in more than 40 countries. During 2015/16, the campus International MOU Review Committee (chaired by the center director) approved 38 new or renewed agreements with international institutions.

In addition, the center director encourages and develops collaborative projects between MU and its strategic global partners, building upon and extending the university's relationships around the world. In 2015/16, these efforts centered on the following countries:

- **Brazil.** The International Center continued leadership for the university's [Brazil strategic plan](#), which was produced in the previous year as a participant in the Institute of International Education's [International Academic Partnership Program](#). The plan calls for campus focus on partnerships in the states of São Paulo and Para. In December 2015, the center director traveled to São Paulo to visit the University of São Paulo and several other partner institutions. In 2016, the center hosted visitors from USP and several other Brazilian institutions. MU signed an institutional agreement with FAPESB, a regional scientific funding agency, to facilitate faculty and graduate student mobility.
- **Indonesia.** The center worked with the United States Indonesia Society, Kit Bond Strategies, St. Louis World Trade Center, Indonesia Directorate General of Higher Education and other Indonesian sponsors to establish funded research projects, faculty exchanges and sponsored students with the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. The signed agreement establishes a joint master's degree between CIFOR and the MU Center for Agroforestry. Currently, MU is exploring submission of a university partnership proposal to USAID-Indonesia. The International Center is also working with USINDO to establish consulting and service agreements for the MU School of Journalism.
- **India.** The International Center sustained MU's relationship with the Indian Embassy and Chicago Consulate. The center director also visited key current and prospective partner institutions in several Indian cities, and presented at three different conferences.
- **South Africa.** As a member of the executive committee for the University of Missouri South Africa Education Program, the International Center director represented MU in carrying out the committee's work, which included:
  - > Awarding approximately \$100,000 in funding for facilitating faculty exchange and collaboration between MU, the University of the Western Cape and other South African institutions.
  - > Awarding Mitchell Fellowships for student exchange between the University of the Western Cape and MU.
  - > Hosting or meeting with visiting deans, department heads, administrators and faculty members from the University of the Western Cape.
  - > Hosting campus visits by the South African Consulate and Honorary Consul (Missouri), with a series of campus meetings and lectures.
  - > Coordinating and celebrating 30 years of partnership between the University of Missouri and the University of the Western Cape. This included a series of public events in both Cape Town and Columbia.

## FACILITATED FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

As campus representative, the International Center provided assistance to MU faculty with their Fulbright proposals. Three MU faculty received Fulbright awards for 2015/16:

- **Jung Ha-Brookshire**, Textile and Apparel Management | Hong Kong
- **Allison Kabel**, Anthropology | Canada
- **Michael Marlo**, English | Kenya

## SCHOLARS AT RISK NETWORK

The center director serves as MU campus liaison to the [Scholars at Risk](#) network. With support from the international scholar rescue fund, MU has hosted a prominent Syrian scholar from the University of Damascus. This scholar holds a Ph.D. from MU in animal sciences.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

International student enrollment grew from 2,879 (fall 2014) to 2,990 (fall 2015), or 3.8 percent, with 13.6 percent growth among undergraduate Chinese students, from 653 (fall 2014) to 742 (fall 2015). Students from China make up 52 percent of MU's international student community.

## ENSURED UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System is the U.S. government's database that manages information related to international students and their dependents. Federal law requires MU to update and maintain the SEVIS records of nonimmigrant students in F and J visa categories.

- **Issued immigration documents** for 1,510 newly-admitted international students, 713 (47 percent) of whom would eventually enroll at MU.
- **Conducted annual SEVIS registrations** for 6,248 new and continuing students.
- **Collaborated with key offices** including the Division of Information Technology, Office of the University Registrar and international offices of other UM System campuses to ensure that the university's student information system is compatible with new SEVIS requirements.
- **Improved paperless record keeping** and reporting processes between key campus departments, including International Admissions, Office of Research and Graduate Studies and Intensive English Program — saving time and paper and expediting important documents for students and scholars.

WHEN IT COMES TO DATA,  
DETAILS MATTER.

**11,200** SEVIS EVENTS  
PROCESSED

IN 2015/16, INCLUDING:

- changes of education level
- changes of program
- OPT employment
- information changes
- personal information changes

**226% INCREASE FROM 2014/15**

## HELPED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS STAY IN STATUS THROUGH CONVENIENT ADVISING AND EFFICIENT DOCUMENT PROCESSING

### CONVENIENT ADVISING

- **Continued offering designated travel signatures days** at the MU Student Center, processing 1,126 travel signatures in 2015/16.
- **Held weekly optional practical training workshops.** OPT is employment authorization that allows F-1 international students to work off-campus in positions directly related to their major field of study. 363 students attended one of the 36 workshops offered to obtain this benefit.
- **Managed significant federal OPT STEM regulatory changes** through website updates and communication with eligible students.

**30** HOURS OF WALK-IN  
ADVISING WEEKLY

### LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

- **Launched MU Connect** in fall 2015 to provide enhanced walk-in advising services. This platform helped manage wait times more effectively and provided advisers with more information on students' academic progress.
- **Began implementation of myStatus** (Terra Dotta Software) to offer an online portal that will provide both students and scholars real-time access to their immigration status, and improve communication with the International Center and campus departments for services and information.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## PREPARED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS THROUGH ORIENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMS

### NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

- **Hosted a comprehensive International Student Welcome** for 713 new international students arriving for the fall 2015, spring 2016 and summer 2016 semesters.
  - > Secured \$7,125 in external funding for orientation from the community through sponsorship and ad revenue.
  - > Provided flexible International Student Registration and Orientation to serve all incoming undergraduate students, allowing more than 110 students to preregister for their classes in the same way domestic students do.



Introducing new students to campus during International Student Welcome: [international.missouri.edu/welcome](http://international.missouri.edu/welcome).

- **Offered a learning strategies course** specifically for international students, in collaboration with an academic adviser from the Division of Biological Sciences. This two-credit course covers issues such as test and note taking, plagiarism, American culture, campus life and more. Enrolled students are paired with American peers to gain additional perspective on these topics. 20 students enrolled in the fall 2015 course.

### SUPPORT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

- **Continued online application** process for the Curator's Grant-in-Aid Scholarship using Terra Dotta Software. GIA scholarships provide critical assistance to international students with demonstrated financial need.
- **Distributed the International Student Barometer**, a comprehensive survey that explores the international student experience at MU as compared with peer and international institutions — resulting in a 28 percent response rate.

### CHINESE STUDENT OUTREACH

- **Provided a mid-semester student success workshop** in collaboration with the Consulate General of China in Chicago and the MU Chinese Student and Scholar Association for first-semester Chinese students.
- **Collaborated on Meet Mizzou pre-departure orientation meetings** in Beijing and Shanghai during summer 2015 in partnership with International Admissions, Office of Advancement and Chinese Student and Scholar Association. Alumni and parent receptions were also held following the orientations.



Presenters at the Meet Mizzou pre-departure orientations: [international.missouri.edu/meet-mizzou](http://international.missouri.edu/meet-mizzou).

### INVOLVEMENT WITH CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **Served as staff adviser for student organizations:** Brazilian Student Association, Malaysian Student Association, Fulbright Student Association, Saudi Student Association.
- **Collaborated with campus and community organizations** to support and promote international students interests, including: MU Counseling Center, MU Writing Center, Aetna Student Health Insurance review committee, Homeland Security investigations liaison meetings, MU Student Health Center.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## CONTINUED EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL SPONSORED STUDENT SERVICES

Sponsored students at MU receive educational funding through a third-party source such as a government (U.S. or foreign), foundation, nonprofit organization, employer, university or business. Through the International Sponsored Student Program, the International Center serves as a central point of contact and liaison between sponsoring agencies, sponsored students and a variety of offices across campus.

### CONTINUED GROWTH

- **Reached a record high** of 368 sponsored students from 68 different countries in 2015/16.
- **Participated in student recruitment travel** to United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Chicago, IL.

### PERSONAL ATTENTION FOR STUDENTS

- **Hosted annual Fulbright Welcome Dinner and other events** such as potluck dinners, end-of-semester gatherings and monthly lunches with students.
- **Increased adviser availability** through the hiring of a graduate assistant and additional walk-in advising hours.
- **Held pre-arrival Skype sessions** in partnership with International Admissions.

### STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH SPONSORING AGENCIES

The International Center engaged with these sponsors in the following ways during 2015/16:

	Visited U.S. office	Hosted campus visit	Developed new proposal
American Councils	●		●
AMIDEAST	●		
ARAMCO		●	
Consulate of Turkey	●		
ECCOS Educational Consulting	●		●
Embassy of Iraq	●		
Embassy of Kuwait	●		
Embassy of Malaysia	●		
Embassy of Oman	●		
Embassy of Thailand	●	●	
Embassy of United Arab Emirates	●		
IIE	●		●
Iraq Ministry of Higher Education		●	
IREX	●		●
Kiron Global Strategies			●
SABIC		●	
Sampoerna		●	
Saudi Arabia Cultural Mission	●		
U.S. Department of State	●		
USAID/World Learning		●	●

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## ASSISTED MU DEPARTMENTS WITH HOSTING AND HIRING OF INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AND STAFF

- **Processed more than 513 J-1 visiting scholar requests.** Visiting scholars undertake a wide variety of roles at MU, such as teaching, research, observation, training, consultation and study. In addition to processing the immigration documents required for a scholar's visa application, the center provides:
  - > A comprehensive orientation for scholars as mandated by Exchange Visitor Program regulations.
  - > Ongoing support to scholars throughout their stay in collaboration with their hosting departments.
- **Continued outreach to departments** through in-person presentations, Human Resource Services Training Conference and multimedia content.
- **Implemented systems to ensure scholar insurance compliance** according to J-1 regulations and created a [new informational video](#) that explains insurance requirements and usage for J-1 scholars and dependents.
- **Processed 66 H-1B petitions**, allowing MU departments to hire faculty and staff from a global talent pool.

## PROVIDED IMMIGRATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF MU'S RESEARCH CAPACITY

The International Center provided immigration support to MU colleges, schools and centers, as well as affiliated research partners, through specialized scholar support services:

- **Provided J-1 scholar services to Danforth Plant Sciences Center**, an independent, nonprofit research center in Creve Coeur, Mo. MU is a charter member of the Danforth Center. International Center staff provided document processing and advising to 28 active visiting scholars.
- **Supported the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources** and its international projects by designating staff to serve as the USAID/TraiNET operator and verifier. TraiNET is USAID's online system for managing training programs and Exchange Visitor Program participants.
- **Assisted Lincoln University's** Cooperative Extension and Research Department with J-1 research scholar services.



International students and scholars shared their culture with the community through the [Kaleidoscope program](#).

International student Yahya Alsulaim talked about how he came to study at MU as part of the [International Experience at MU](#) event series.



Representatives from USAID met with international students and scholars to discuss the impact of international education.

Nadezhda Filimonova, a Fulbright RIEA scholar, spent a month at the center learning about international education at MU.

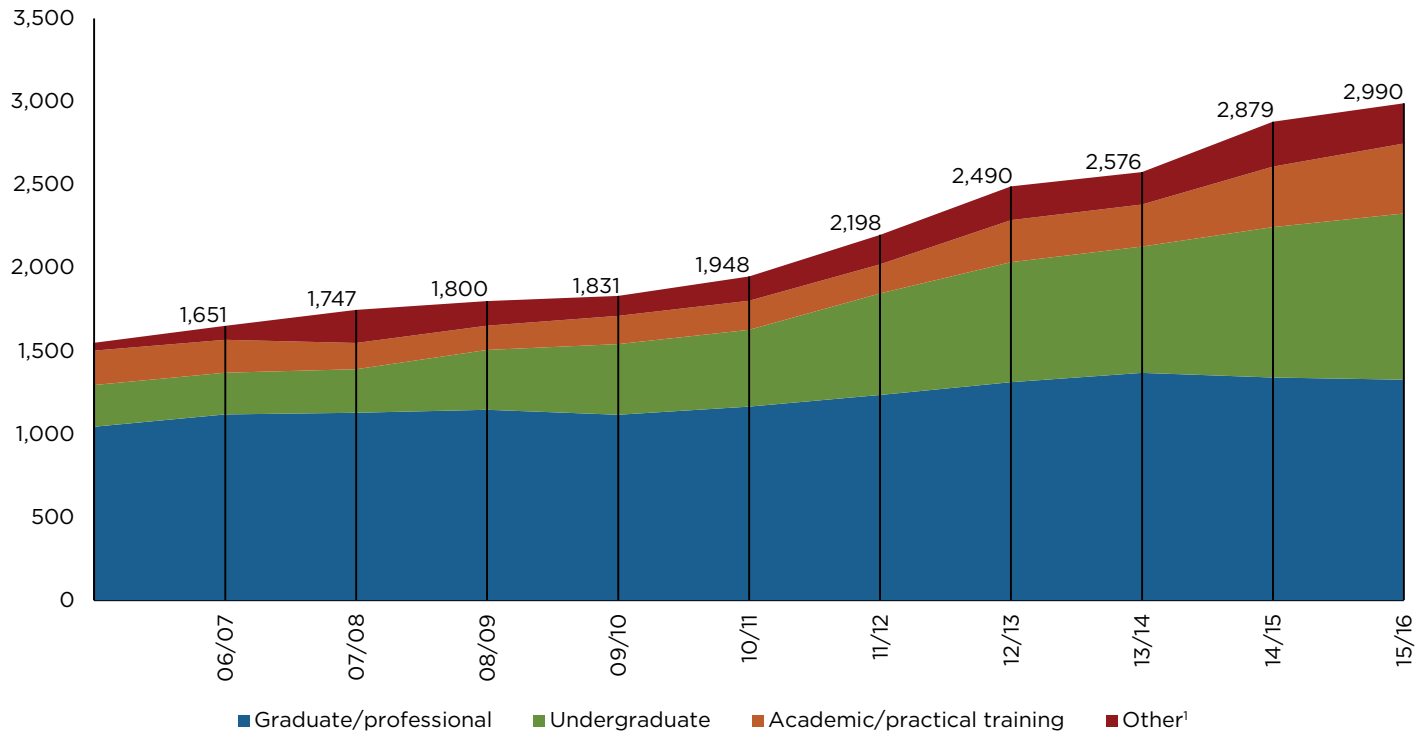




# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## FAST FACTS | INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BY LEVEL



### TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
China	854	1,165	1,311	1,457	1,555
India	166	222	217	224	245
South Korea	181	215	173	208	197
Saudi Arabia	38	95	89	106	117
Iraq	15	24	46	89	91
Vietnam	62	64	62	62	63
Brazil	17	33	32	59	62
Iran	19	34	42	45	49
Taiwan	58	74	60	53	43
Thailand	31	35	48	39	43
Malaysia	19	26	27	33	33
United Kingdom	11	18	16	17	32
Nepal	13	20	27	27	29
Turkey	25	23	28	30	23
Indonesia	8	17	15	17	20

### ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL/COLLEGE

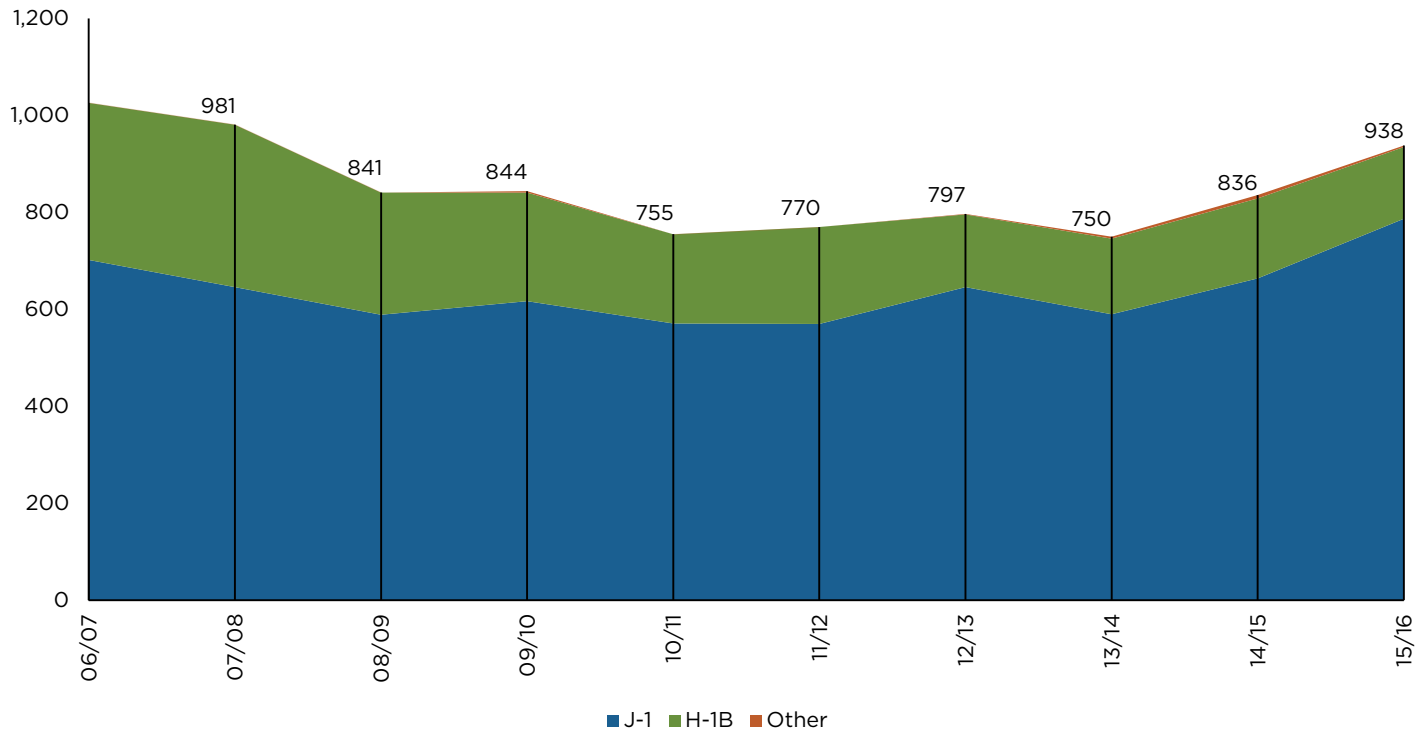
	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Engineering	479	587	557	688	752
Arts and Science	542	625	796	748	741
CAFNR	207	184	188	213	219
Business	170	183	193	182	194
Journalism	114	109	98	107	120
Education	110	108	91	81	72
HES	49	61	49	61	66
Graduate School	93	124	79	59	64
Medicine	49	32	10	40	46
Public Affairs	-	-	47	35	27
Health Professions	8	8	6	7	10
Law	9	7	9	10	9
Nursing	4	5	4	3	4
Vet Medicine	12	1	1	11	3

<sup>1</sup> Other includes all nonimmigrant students participating in the Intensive English Program and other non-degree programs.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## FAST FACTS | INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS BY VISA TYPE



### TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
China	277	310	314	356	436
South Korea	160	148	126	128	159
India	85	68	70	72	69
Brazil	28	31	26	33	31
Thailand	2	6	20	21	21
Canada	7	7	11	18	19
Germany	16	17	15	16	18
Nigeria	4	2	4	5	14
Spain	6	11	6	10	12
Bulgaria	1	6	-	-	11
France	12	10	5	7	10
Iran	7	9	8	10	9
Taiwan	11	14	10	16	8
Japan	11	10	12	8	8
Russia	8	9	7	8	6

### BY FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION

	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Agriculture	83	154	124	131	141
Biological sciences	108	131	139	136	133
Engineering	60	73	66	90	92
Comm./journalism	61	72	69	78	86
Education	54	58	47	34	81
Health professions	73	49	55	71	79
Physical sciences	54	60	66	47	57
Business	21	41	36	38	53
Social sciences	32	26	26	38	53
Comp./info sciences	26	25	31	29	33
Mathematics	27	31	22	20	17
Area studies	1	1	2	42	15
Psychology	1	5	6	15	15
Public admin.	30	24	17	14	15
Other	139	47	44	53	68

<sup>2</sup> Other includes short-term activities such as conferences, colloquiums, observations, consultations and other short-term professional development activities.

# STUDY ABROAD

## PROVIDED CAMPUSWIDE SUPPORT FOR STUDY ABROAD

The International Center serves as a central point of contact for MU-sponsored study abroad programs and supports the administration of these programs in accordance with the [UM System Collected Rules and Regulations](#) and national standards of good practice. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, the International Center provided the following services to three key groups at MU: students, faculty and staff members.

### RISK MANAGEMENT AND CRISIS RESPONSE

- **Reviewed and approved university-sponsored study abroad programs** for compliance with standards of good practice to ensure student health, safety and security.
- **Provided on-going risk assessment and mitigation** through monitoring of health, safety and security issues.
- **Developed and maintained emergency preparedness and response plans** for the MU campus, as well as 24/7 emergency response.
- **Maintained campuswide data** regarding contact and emergency contact information for participants, and itineraries and emergency contact information for MU-sponsored study abroad programs.
- **Developed and maintained materials and procedures** to help ensure students' health, safety and security. This included comprehensive general pre-departure orientation and ensuring that students have signed the UM System Assumption of Risk and Release form.

### TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM LEADERS

The International Center provides materials and on-going training for MU faculty and staff members regarding best practices for risk mitigation and emergency management for MU-sponsored study abroad programs.

- **Continued innovative training** for experienced program leaders through case study-based workshops.
- **Developed and presented a new workshop:** Group Dynamics and Cross-cultural Learning of Faculty-led Programs. This workshop provides resources and tools to develop healthy group dynamics, facilitate cross-cultural learning, foster development of transferable skills and guide students through cultural transitions.
- **Workshops:**
  - > Developing a Proposal for a Short-term Faculty-led Program | Nov. 6 and Dec. 8, 2015
  - > Health, Safety and Security in Faculty-led Study Abroad Programs: New program leaders | Dec. 1, 2015; March 21 and 24, April 18, 2016
  - > Health, Safety and Security in Faculty-led Study Abroad Programs: Returning program leaders | Dec. 10, 2015; April 21, 2016
  - > Group Dynamics and Cross-cultural Learning on Faculty-led Programs | April 12, 2016

### MARKETING AND OUTREACH

The International Center continued a multifaceted approach to marketing study abroad across campus.

- **MU Study Abroad Fair:** Attended by more than 1,000 students
- **Social media:** Increased presence and number of followers on Facebook and Twitter
- **Campus events:**
  - > MU admissions events, including Scholar Days, Summer Welcome, Meet Mizzou
  - > Campus events, including Latino Student Resource Fair and Unificasion Activities Mart (Multicultural Center), Fall Fest (Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center), Military Resource Fair (Veterans Center) and Leap Ahead Fair (Honors College)

#### CONNECTING WITH CAMPUS FACE-TO-FACE.

**151** MARKETING AND  
OUTREACH EVENTS

**IN 2015/16, INCLUDING:**

- info sessions
- workshops and presentations
- campus events
- pre-departure orientations

**REACHING MORE THAN 6,000  
STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF**

# STUDY ABROAD

## ADDRESSED STUDENT FINANCIAL BARRIERS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARLY PLANNING

### OPERATION PASSPORT

[Operation Passport](#) is a new campaign led by the International Center to increase undergraduate student participation in MU study abroad programs by encouraging early planning.

A generous donor contributed a significant gift toward the center's endowment for study abroad scholarships, and designed, financed and mailed a special invitation to fall 2015 first-time college students encouraging them to obtain a passport and study abroad. Eligible freshmen who presented a valid passport to the International Center by Sept. 30, 2015, received a \$135 scholarship toward the cost of an MU-sponsored study abroad program. A total of 822 students earned the scholarship and became #passportready.

All #passportready students were invited to a series of events designed to help them prepared for study abroad. Events included raffle drawings for an additional \$9,000 in scholarships and travel items provided through donations from MU affiliated program providers (IES Abroad, FIE, SAI Programs, DIS and IFSA-Butler) and \$1,000 in travel vouchers courtesy of Adelman Travel and STA Travel. MU Athletics also donated tickets for athletic events.

- Operation Passport Kick-off | Oct. 15, 2015  
Keynote speaker: Dr. Jim Spain, MU vice provost for undergraduate studies. Helped students learn how to choose a study abroad program.
- Study Abroad and Your Future | Dec. 8, 2015  
Keynote speaker: Melissa Comisky, director of internships at IES Abroad. Included activities to help students identify skills learned through study abroad that are valued by employers.
- Where Will You Use Your Passport? | Feb. 18, 2016  
Keynote speaker: Dr. Tim Parshall, director of MU Fellowships Office. A panel of MU study abroad returnees offered firsthand advice on how to prepare for study abroad.
- What Will Your Story Be? | April 18, 2016  
Keynote speaker: Andrew Gordon, founder and president of Diversity Abroad. Inspired students to think about how study abroad can shape their life stories and highlighted resources available through MU's membership in Diversity Abroad.

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND SUPPORT

With the center's assistance, MU students received more than \$150,000 in scholarships from the International Center, MU affiliated program providers, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program and Boren Awards for International Study.

- **Provided advising and outreach for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.** The goal of this program is to diversify the types of students who study and intern abroad, and the locations in which they study. After doubling the number of applicants in 2014/15 from the previous year, the center registered an additional 28 percent increase in 2015/16 applications, and MU students were awarded nearly \$50,000 in Gilman Scholarship funding. The International Center offered several events to promote the Gilman program, including seven essay writing workshops. Staff members again served on the national reading and selection committee for the program.
- **Facilitated Dr Pepper SEC Education Abroad Awards.** Dr Pepper made a significant donation to the Southeastern Conference to provide education abroad opportunities for high-ability students with demonstrated financial need who represent nontraditional study abroad participants. In the past two years, four MU students have received one-time scholarships of \$2,000 each.

**822** #passportready students



# STUDY ABROAD

## STUDENT WORKSHOPS

- **Offered twice-weekly Financing 101 workshops** in the International Center.
- **Presented Financing Study Abroad multi-part workshop series** during fall and spring semesters:
  - > Programs, Financial Aid and Scholarships | Oct. 19 and 22, 2015; Feb. 22 and 25, 2016
  - > Fundraising and Creative Financing | Oct. 21, 2015; Feb. 24, 2016

## INCORPORATED CAREER PREPARATION INTO THE STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

### EXTENDED GLOBAL MIZZOU INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The center's [Global Mizzou Internship programs](#) are designed to foster cross-cultural interaction and career preparation. In addition to programs in London, Sydney and New York City, Barcelona was added for summer 2016 to meet the curricular needs and cultural interests of MU students. In 2015/16, participation in Global Mizzou Internships nearly doubled from the previous year.

One of the goals of the Global Mizzou Internship program is to create cohort groups of MU students who can serve as networks for each other before, during and after their internships. Two pre-departure and two returnee meetings are held for internship participants. This year, the International Center collaborated with the MU Career Center to integrate Strengths Quest assessments as part of the pre-departure preparation. Results of the assessments were also sent to the on-site coordinators so that the information could be utilized in the placement process.

### RETURNEE PROGRAMMING

The International Center develops and presents events that serve all MU students returning from study abroad. Returnee activities in 2015/16 were designed to encompass a wide range of student learning styles and interests.

- **Hosted Welcome Home Receptions** (fall and spring semesters). Recognizes students returning to campus from study abroad and introduces them to campus resources to further their international interests, such as the Fellowships Office and language partner programs.
- **Organized a successful campuswide [Study Abroad Photo Contest](#)**. Winners were selected from a record 500 entries submitted by MU students who had studied abroad during the previous year. The awards ceremony also featured 20/20 presentations from study abroad returnees.
- **Collaborated with the MU Career Center** to offer workshops in the fall and spring semesters that help students showcase their international experience to potential employers.

## FOSTERED INTEGRATION OF STUDY ABROAD WITH THE MU CURRICULUM

Curriculum integration will help remove ambiguity regarding credit transfer and encourage more students to study abroad. The outcome of this process will be the development of Study Abroad by Major handouts highlighting options that have departmental endorsement, along with academic plans that will allow students to study abroad and graduate on schedule. 2015/16 academic partners include:

- Chemistry
- Communications
- Geography
- Geology
- Health Sciences
- Human Development and Family Studies
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Textile and Apparel Management

# STUDY ABROAD

## LEVERAGED TECHNOLOGY TO MANAGE GROWTH

### MYSTUDYABROAD

The International Center expanded use of myStudyAbroad to increase convenience and efficiency for students, faculty and staff, and to strengthen MU's capacity for risk management and emergency communications.

- **Completed initial campus-wide implementation** of myStudyAbroad for MU divisions that send students on credit-bearing study abroad programs.
- **Instituted online tracking** of non-credit student participants on university-sponsored international activities.
- **Implemented process for study abroad students to register independent travel** away from their program sites, streamlining the process of locating students in the unlikely event of an emergency.
- **Collaborated with campus offices to develop online review processes** for information submitted by study abroad applicants:
  - > Student Health Center
  - > Disability Center
  - > Office of Student Financial Aid

### MU CONNECT

The center implemented online appointment scheduling with study abroad advisers through MU Connect. In addition to expanding student access to the center's study abroad advisers, use of this campus-wide system serves to link study abroad advising to that provided by MU academic advisers and other key campus colleagues.

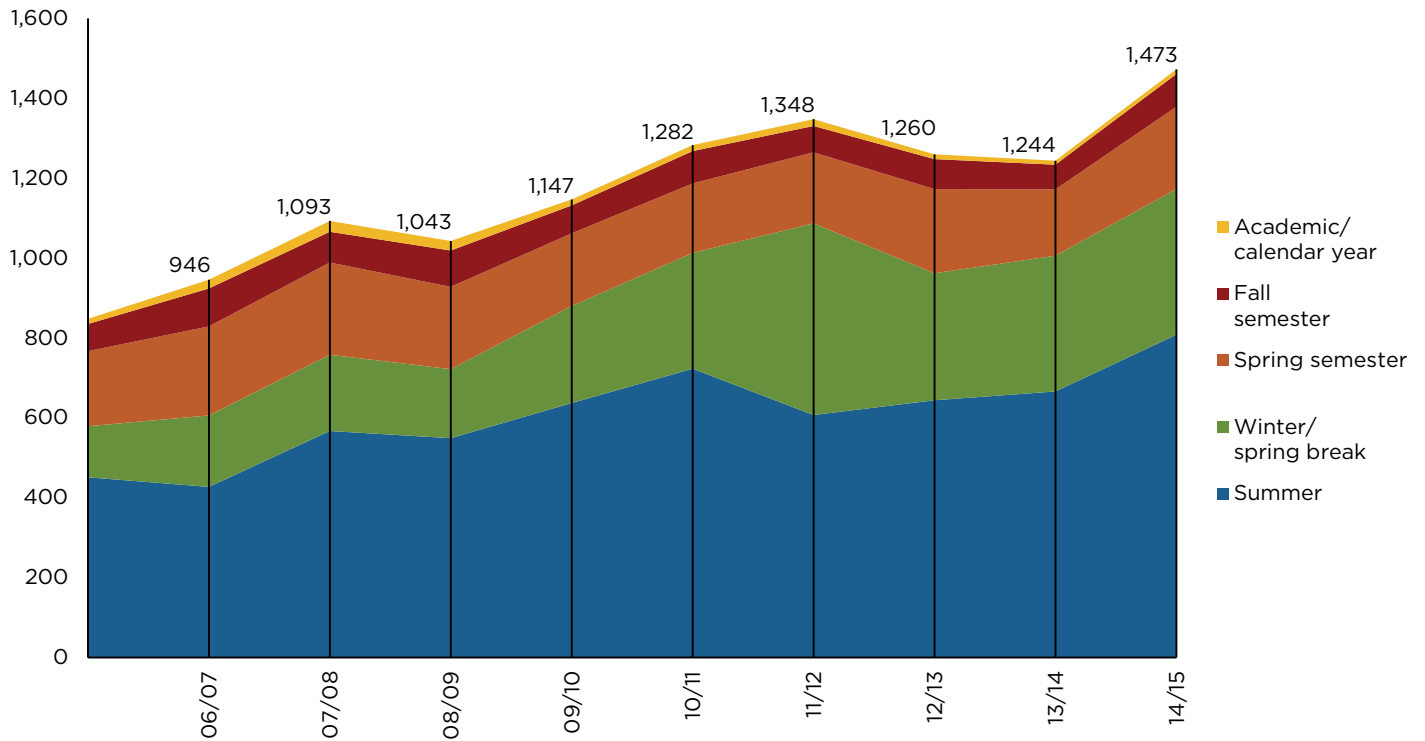


Winners from the 2015 Study Abroad Photo Contest: [international.missouri.edu/photo-contest](http://international.missouri.edu/photo-contest).

# STUDY ABROAD

## FAST FACTS | STUDY ABROAD

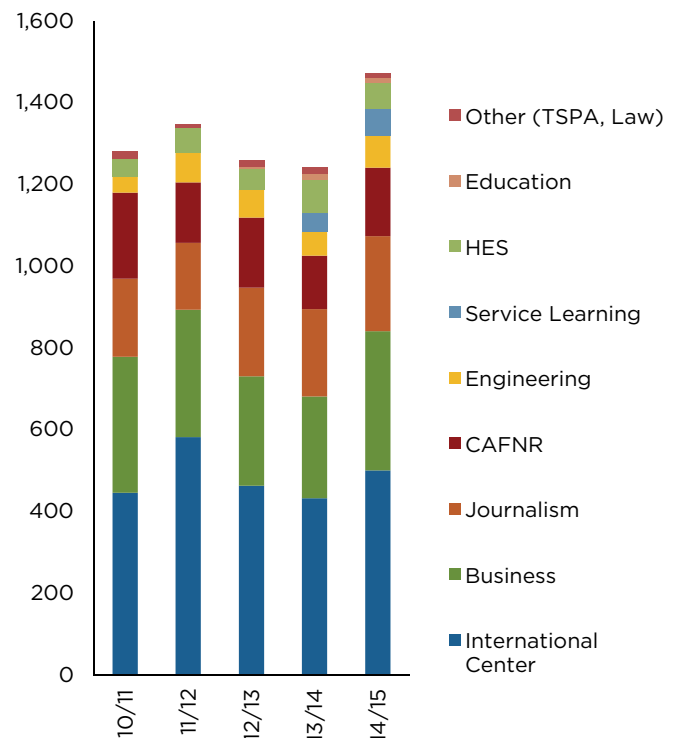
### PARTICIPATION BY PROGRAM TERM<sup>3</sup>



### TOP DESTINATIONS<sup>3</sup>

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Italy	151	176	154	185	232
Spain	106	86	101	118	130
United Kingdom	82	144	115	97	126
Multiple	89	112	83	84	121
South Africa	48	20	54	69	66
New Zealand	71	55	75	72	64
Costa Rica	31	28	30	43	63
Ireland	56	247	27	45	62
China	48	20	43	34	61
Chile	1	18	2	54	60
Greece	19	39	29	34	58
Czech Republic	61	49	67	34	57
France	34	26	43	31	52
Germany	107	25	77	36	51
Belgium	57	54	41	36	43

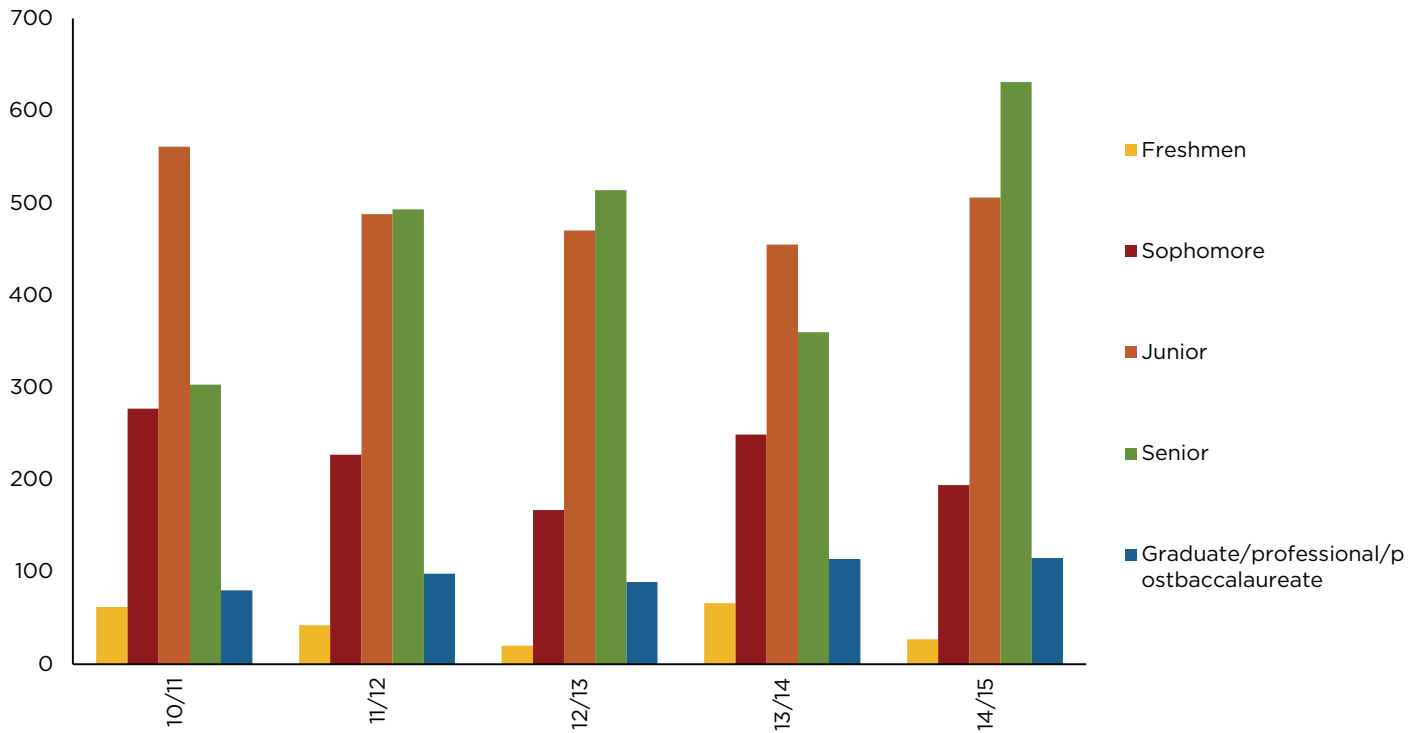
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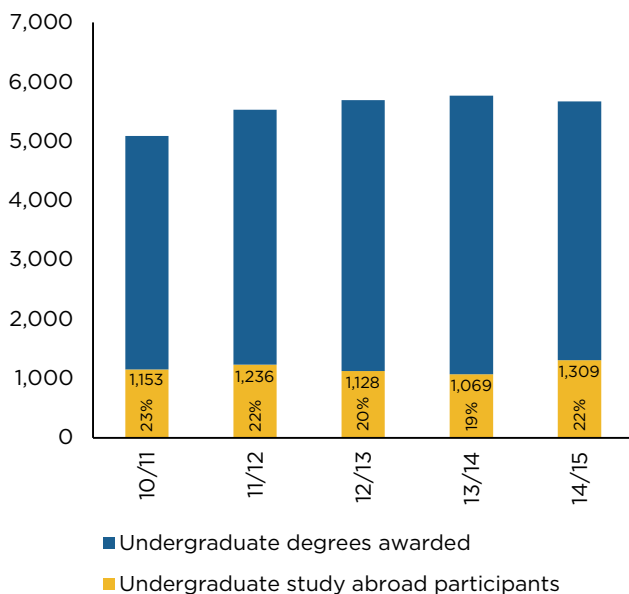
# STUDY ABROAD

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### PARTICIPATION BY LEVEL<sup>3</sup>



### UNDERGRADUATE PARTICIPATION RATE<sup>4</sup>



### UNDERGRADUATE PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOL/COLLEGE OF PRIMARY DEGREE PROGRAM<sup>4</sup>

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Arts and Science	317	323	262	260	308
Business	235	226	203	205	267
Journalism	210	182	225	192	230
CAFNR	201	165	181	138	173
Health Professions	32	61	54	77	116
Engineering	56	101	74	69	79
HES	44	67	55	44	65
Education	29	81	38	39	38
Nursing	29	30	36	45	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,309</b>

<sup>3</sup> Includes visiting students and non-U.S. citizens who participated in MU study abroad programs. Students who studied abroad more than once during an academic year were counted as two separate participants.

<sup>4</sup> Undergraduate participation rate uses the Institute of International Education Open Door ([iee.org/opendoors](http://iee.org/opendoors)) data definition for participants, which includes only degree-seeking students who are U.S. citizens/permanent residents.



# OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

## COORDINATED AND PROMOTED EVENTS THAT RAISE AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND ISSUES

### THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT MU

This project promotes a positive, productive experience for the international community by: Informing the campus community about MU's international student population; facilitating dialogue between international students and the campus community; identifying strengths and limitations of MU's service to international students; stimulating discussion of how MU can enhance international student recruitment and retention.

An advisory group of stakeholders from across campus guided project activities and recommended action steps. Highlights included:

- Five panel discussions throughout the year giving international students the opportunity to share their experiences with the campus community.
  - > What's Your Story? | Oct. 29, 2015
  - > How Mizzou Measures Up | Nov. 19, 2015
  - > Learning English at MU | Feb. 18, 2016
  - > Culture in the Classroom | March 24, 2016
  - > Cultivating a Sense of Belonging | April 21, 2016
- [In their own words](#), a multimedia project featuring interviews with international students.

### INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK | Nov. 16–20, 2015

A joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and Department of Education to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The center [coordinated MU's celebration](#), which offered 12 events hosted by departments and organizations across campus. Events organized by the International Center included:

- Panel discussion: The Role of International Education in Peacebuilding (live webcast) | Nov. 16
- Study Abroad 20x20/Photo Contest Awards | Nov. 17
- The International Experience at MU: How Mizzou Measures Up | Nov. 19
- Thanksgiving meal for new international students | Nov. 20

## SHARED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE WITHIN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND BEYOND

Center staff members participate in several key national and international professional associations related to international education and research. Individuals regularly organize conference sessions, make presentations, serve on committees and achieve national recognition by their peers.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Council on Education
- Association of International Education Administrators
- Association of Public Land Grant Universities Commission on International Initiatives
- Diversity Abroad Network
- European Association for International Education
- Forum on Education Abroad
- IFSA-Butler Executive Committee
- Institute of International Education
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators
- SAI Academic Advisory Board
- The Guild (Arcadia University, College of Global Studies)

# OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

## WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### ■ **Regional**

- > Midwest Asian American Association (St. Louis, Mo.) | October 2015
- > NAFSA: Association of International Educators Region IV Conference (Des Moines, IA) | October 2015

### ■ **National**

- > IFSA-Butler Annual Conference (Indianapolis, In.) | September 2015
- > CIEE Annual Conference (Berlin, Germany) | November 2015
- > Diversity Abroad Network Annual Conference (Atlanta, Ga.) | March 2016
- > Forum on Education Abroad (Atlanta, Ga.) | April 2016
- > NAFSA: Association of International Education National Conference (Denver, Co.) | May 2016