



“It is critical that we continue to support University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students in pursuing meaningful international research, teaching, and service—more so now than ever before. Our world is fraught with differences of ideologies among cultures across the globe and even within our own nation, state, and community. By supporting the pursuit of global understanding, International Programs is helping the UI continue to make vital contributions to creating a more peaceful and productive place to live.”

David J. Skorton,
President,
The University of Iowa

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS at The University of Iowa

“Our world is fraught with differences—differences of ideologies among cultures across the globe; differences of ideologies within our own nation, state, and community; and differences of opinion about the best courses to pursue. These differences demand that we use sophisticated intellectual skills . . . to solve our most pressing societal and global problems.” - UI President David J. Skorton

University of Iowa President David J. Skorton, in his spring 2004 commencement address for the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, repeatedly emphasized the essential need for achieving international understanding through education. Within The University of Iowa, International Programs (IP) leads the effort to address the new realities of our changing world and to meet the challenges of increasing globalization in the 21st century.

International Programs infuses international knowledge into the undergraduate, graduate, and professional curricula of the University's departments, colleges, and disciplines. It promotes international scholarship and educational exchange across cultures and countries. It enhances the Iowa experience for international students and scholars. And it helps create a community and society responsive to the increasingly international needs and obligations of citizenship.



“It has been a great opportunity to customize my education at The University of Iowa and create a degree that will be directly applicable to my future. The University offers many opportunities for students to expand their international knowledge.”

Johanna Laing,
International Studies
Alumna with emphases in
international business and
international politics and
relations and minors in
business and Spanish,
West Branch, Iowa

- To accomplish its mission, International Programs provides students, faculty, staff, and community members with a rich array of opportunities to learn, in Iowa and overseas.
- Iowa students can pursue a B.A. or M.A. degree in International Studies, as well as a nationally innovative Ph.D. in second language acquisition.
- To support these degrees as well as curricular needs in all UI colleges, our faculty members teach more than 250 courses on international topics and global issues.
- Each year, IP assists the UI in welcoming almost 2,300 international students and scholars who come from more than 100 nations.
- To promote cutting-edge international research and training, IP oversees agreements between UI and more than 100 universities and research institutes worldwide.
- Annually, more than 900 UI students study abroad in more than 40 countries.

International Programs supports nationally renowned academic programs and service units such as the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, and the UI Center for Human Rights. Students, faculty, and community members also benefit from other projects and programs within IP, including the African Studies Program, the Crossing Borders Program, the Global Health Studies Program, the South Asian Studies Program, the Opera Studies Group, the European Studies Initiative, the International Forum for U.S. Studies, the Caribbean, Diaspora and Atlantic Studies Program, and the Institute for International Business. Service units, such as the WiderNet Project and the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, provide opportunities for different kinds of global connections.



International Programs strives to educate local and regional communities as well. It supports teacher training, public lectures, visits to elementary and high school classrooms, and other initiatives—more than 150 events yearly—that enhance global awareness in local and regional communities. These activities offer enriching experiences about regions of the world that are underrepresented in community venues.



“In the 21st century, the quality of American life flows from how well U.S. citizens address international challenges and seize the world’s opportunities. International Programs at The University of Iowa provides students, faculty, staff, and citizens throughout the state with the knowledge and skills they must have if our society is to prosper in the global community.”

William Reisinger,
Associate Provost and Dean,
International Programs

International Programs recognizes that the quality of American life in the 21st century will depend on how the United States addresses global issues and whether U.S. citizens can compete in a complex international economic and political world. Success hinges on multi-cultural awareness and understanding. As President Skorton reminded the UI community:

“Human dignity and diversity are at the core of our country’s values. The United States has a long tradition of knowing, understanding, and embracing our global fellow citizens. . . . Our cultural, ethical, and moral strengths lie in the commingling of perspectives from other lands, and the continued acceptance of people of all backgrounds. This is why diversity and internationalism remain so fundamental to . . . education . . . at The University of Iowa.”

It is the responsibility of International Programs to ensure that The University of Iowa provides its faculty, staff, and students, as well as citizens throughout the state, with the tools they need to confront these challenges and participate actively in the global community.

OUR VISION FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

International Programs plays a unique role within The University of Iowa; we are the main entity outside UI colleges for coordinating international activities on and beyond campus. Consequently, we serve all colleges, bringing them together in both small- and large-scale interdisciplinary collaborations, organizing campus-wide and national activities with a global focus, supporting varied activities (faculty-student interaction, curricular development, symposia and conferences, research travel) with international emphasis, assisting students across campus with the logistical details of studying in a non-native environment (whether they be U.S. students studying abroad or international students seeking degrees at UI).

International Programs' ability to cross over traditional collegiate boundaries makes it a strong central administrative unit that benefits not only the entire University but also the larger global community. Our continuing goal is a crucial one: to enhance the quality and quantity of international educational opportunities that have the greatest impact on the University, the state of Iowa, and the nation.



“The purpose of higher education is much greater than simply filling students with facts and figures about the world. We must expand their ability to think critically about the world. A scholar for the 21st century must think beyond his or her country’s boundaries to see how actions will affect an increasingly connected world.”

Mercedes Niño-Murcia,
Associate Professor of
Spanish and Portuguese
in the College of Liberal
Arts and Sciences,
with a specialization in
sociolinguistics

We have made tremendous strides in recent years—enhancing curricular offerings, instituting a new International Studies degree at both the undergraduate and the graduate levels, maintaining U. S. Department of Education National Resource Center status, expanding the number of international faculty, and encouraging new international research, study, and linkage projects. Nonetheless, we need to embark on new initiatives to meet the needs of the increasingly complex global challenges in this new century. To do so, we intend to focus on:

- Increasing assistance to students who wish to engage in research on international topics and in study abroad and to international students who wish to pursue their education at The University of Iowa;
- Enhancing faculty-student opportunities for international collaborative work;
- Expanding the breadth and depth of international knowledge through adding new members to our faculty, developing new courses, organizing symposia; and
- Maintaining and enhancing our nationally-recognized programs and centers devoted to excellence in international research and instruction.

To ensure that we can continue to achieve our strategic goals within and outside the University, International Programs needs private funding to support long-term projects that will provide the intellectual foundation for new courses and faculty-student interaction. Support given directly to International Programs permits us to take the lead in strengthening internationalization at The University of Iowa through establishing new initiatives and sustaining existing ones that will prepare students throughout the institution for new global demands.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Student, Staff, and Faculty Awards

IP faculty and students routinely earn prestigious awards and fellowships, including Fulbright, NEH, and ACLS Fellowships. Through IP, in 2004-2005 the UI ranked ninth in the nation in the number of Fulbright fellowships awarded to students.

Grants

Since 1985, IP has been recognized for excellence in international studies through its designation as a National Resource Center by the U.S. Department of Education. IP Programs have often been supported by highly competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, the U.S. Department of Labor, and private foundations, including the Ford Foundation, the Freeman-Asia Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation. In FY 2004 alone, more than \$1.1 million in grant funding was brought to IP by affiliated faculty and staff.



International Programs has identified five major funding priorities reflecting the overall strategic goals outlined above. In accordance with our vision for the future, we seek support for the following initiatives:

International Studies Scholarships and Fellowships \$600,000

All students in the new International Studies B.A. degree program are offered a \$1,000 scholarship for study abroad. This experience is essential to their gaining first-hand knowledge about the international focus of their degree work. The earnings from endowed scholarship and fellowship funds would assist 20 exceptional students annually in enjoying this potentially life-altering international educational experience.

Endowed funding option:

- \$600,000 total endowment goal
- 20 scholarships/fellowships each endowed at \$30,000

Faculty-Student International Research Opportunities Initiative \$1 million (endowed)

International Programs seeks gifts totaling \$1 million to endow and establish a new program to facilitate widespread collaboration between faculty and students on international research topics. This initiative would finance a summer, semester, or academic year project in which a faculty member and undergraduate or graduate student could work together in the field or at the UI on a designated project. Such experiences provide invaluable opportunities for students to learn first-hand about global issues in conjunction with seasoned professionals who will become lifelong mentors.



**OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
(continued)**

Curriculum

- IP has instituted highly successful International Studies BA and interdisciplinary MA degree programs.
- IP sponsors nationally innovative curricular opportunities, including the Crossing Borders Graduate Certificate and a Ph.D. in Second-Language Acquisition.
- IP has assisted UI in offering several languages including Arabic and Kannada.
- IP collaborates with the UI's award-winning language media instruction lab and has instituted a nationally innovative Autonomous Language Learning Network, which is offered free of charge to UI students, faculty, and staff.

Outreach

IP sponsors and organizes more than 150 events annually for organizations throughout the state of Iowa.



Endowed Professorships in International Topics \$1.5 million (3 at \$500,000 each)

Attracting distinguished scholars to The University of Iowa and retaining valued faculty are critical to the mission of International Programs. Our goal is to recruit and support faculty who are on the forefront of global trends, thereby enhancing course offerings and keeping our programs vibrant. These professors will help us shape tomorrow's international citizens.

International Student Scholarships (10 full-tuition scholarships) \$3.75 million

Annually more than 2,000 students from countries outside the U.S. pursue their education at The University of Iowa. These students are valuable assets to the University, the state, and the nation. In the classroom they offer different perspectives, and in the community they furnish much-needed diversity. They often return to their countries where they engage in activities that help to build strong relationships with the U.S. Given the rising costs of American education, coupled with travel expenses, the most promising students are often prevented from coming to UI. These scholarships will help to make the UI competitive in attracting the international leaders of tomorrow.

Endowed funding option:

- \$3.75 million total endowment goal
- 10 scholarships each endowed at \$375,000

Non-endowed funding option:

- A gift commitment of \$90,000 provides an \$18,000 scholarship for five years



Unrestricted and Core Support for the International Opportunities Fund \$2 million

**Competitive Funding
available through
International Programs**

Stanley Scholarships for
Undergraduate International
Research/Fieldwork Abroad

Presidential Scholarships
for Study Abroad

Naomi Gunderson
Scholarship for Foreign
Language Study Abroad

International Studies
Scholarships for Undergraduate
Study Abroad

Summer and Short-Term Study
Abroad Scholarships

Need-based Study
Abroad Grants

Stanley Fellowships for
Graduate Student
Research Abroad

Graduate Student
Conference Travel Awards

CAPS Dissertation
Research Awards

Foreign Language and
Area Studies Fellowships

Major Projects Awards

Faculty Summer
Research Fellowships

Faculty International
Travel Awards

Curriculum
Development Awards

Special Projects Awards

Stanley International
Programs—Obermann Center
Research Fellowships

International Programs welcomes gifts to its International Opportunities Fund, a flexible account that may be used to respond to time-sensitive needs of key programs and services as they arise. In the past, IP has used these funds to support student or faculty research and travel; underwrite new courses, lecture series, conferences, and symposia; assist students who find themselves in extraordinary financial circumstances; build library collections; and subsidize outreach programming for the community. International Programs continually seeks funding to support existing programs and to initiate new programs that will increase awareness and knowledge of global issues. This flexible funding is, therefore, vital to our ability to respond to and create opportunities when necessary.

RECOGNITION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

For those who are able to lend their support at especially generous leadership levels, International Programs' funding priorities represent opportunities to create named funds, enabling the contributors or someone special to them to have their name linked with specific projects. Major contributors are invited to special lectures and discussions, symposia, and other events addressing issues of global significance, and presenting the results of cutting-edge research by speakers known regionally, nationally, and internationally for their contributions to international education and scholarship. Donors are acknowledged in materials circulated by

IP, including *International Accents*, the bi-annual journal of International Programs. In addition, membership in The Presidents Club recognizes the University's most generous contributors.

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