If students and faculty are seeking funding assistance to study, conduct research, or attend or plan a conference or symposium in an international setting, the Office of International Affairs offers a wide variety of scholarship and grant opportunities this quarter to help make those experiences a reality. There are also newly developed grants that will enable faculty to become more involved in the Gateway countries of China, India and Brazil.

Our Area Studies Centers also offer a variety of grant opportunities, including Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS). These fellowships are available to full-time, undergraduate, graduate and professional students who want to further their study of language and area studies in Africa, Latin America, East Asia, the Middle East or Eastern Europe.

To bring ourselves closer to continents far away, the Center for Latin American Studies, the Institute for Chinese Studies and the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, showcase foreign films that entertain us and at the same time provide us a window to countries and cultures that we may never experience ourselves.

And, finally, on January 29, we present Taste of OSU, which draws 4,000 Ohio State students, faculty and staff to share in the sampling of international cuisine and the enjoyment of watching a variety of performances by 31 of our own international student organizations. They come together to prepare foods from their home countries and entertain us with the music, songs and dances that have been passed on through the generations.

Even though it is cold outside, the international happenings at Ohio State continue to thrive and provide us with the warmth of friendship and family until we see the first blooms of spring.