To give students an inside view of a wide variety of study abroad programs, the Office of International Affairs holds information sessions each quarter to provide students with a better understanding of specific programs, the required classes and an idea of how they will benefit and learn from their experience in another country.

There are 22 study abroad information sessions scheduled over the months of January and February that feature upcoming programs to Ireland, Poland, Ghana, Ecuador, and many more. There are opportunities for students to study Russian in Tomsk, English Literature in Greenwich, German in Dresden or do an internship in Geneva.

For students seeking scholarships to help fund their study abroad experience, there are several that fall under our international umbrella. The East Asian Studies Center is now accepting applications for the Intensive Chinese Language Scholarship and the Louise Loh Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships are geared toward students who are pursuing dual degrees in Chinese language and related fields or have an academic specialization in East Asian studies. The Mershon Center for International Security Studies is accepting applications from students who are preparing for a career related to international security studies. And, in February applications will be available for the Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship.

January is also the time of year when more than 30 international student organizations come together to cook, perform and share their culture with 4,000 members of the Ohio State community at Taste of OSU. This annual event enables students to build leadership skills, learn to work together as a team, and help educate others about their home country through food and cultural performances. This year’s Taste of OSU is scheduled for Friday, January 30 from 5 – 9 p.m. at the RPAC.

The Institute for Chinese Studies and the Center for Latin American Studies each have launched a film series for winter quarter. Both are reaching out to audiences to provide an alternative avenue from which to learn more about their respective areas of the world.

We hope you take advantage of some of these international opportunities or share the information with others who might benefit.