Ohio State is a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars and Students

The Ohio State University is ranked fifth in the nation, tied with Michigan State and the universities of Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, North Texas and Wisconsin, and is a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars for the 2014-15 academic year, according to the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Ohio State is one of only five universities in the Big 10 recognized in the top 13. Six scholars from Ohio State were awarded Fulbright grants for 2014-2015. In addition, two more were awarded a Fulbright Specialist grant.

Ohio State is also ranked 16th nationally for the number of students receiving a Fulbright grant with 14 awards.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program. These programs enhance the quality of global understanding, sending our students, scholars and faculty all over the world.
while at the same time, bringing the world’s best and brightest here to Ohio State.

“A Fulbright grant provides its recipient a life-changing opportunity — the chance to conduct research or teach abroad — to foster cultural understanding and facilitate global learning for all who participate,” said William Brustein, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs. “The Fulbright program enriches lives, builds leaders and creates true global citizens. We are proud to be recognized for our faculty and professional staff’s international engagement.”

Every year, Ohio State hosts **Fulbright Week** to promote the Fulbright Program through a series of events including workshops, presentations and other activities to engage and encourage students, faculty and professional staff to apply for the prestigious grant award. Fulbright Week is a collaborative effort among the Office of International Affairs, the Graduate School and the Undergraduate Fellowship Office.

In the United States, the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars administers and coordinates the activities relevant to the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program on behalf of the Department of State, including conducting an annual competition for the scholarships. The Fulbright Program also awards grants to U.S. students and teachers to conduct research and teach overseas. In addition, some 4,000 new foreign Fulbright students and scholars come to the United States annually to study for graduate degrees, conduct research and teach languages. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program operates in over 125 countries throughout the world.

This year’s rankings may be viewed on [The Chronicle for Higher Education website](http://www.chronicle.com). A complete listing of Fulbright Scholar recipients is available at [iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies). Ohio State’s awardees may be viewed at [oia.osu.edu](http://www.oia.osu.edu).

For more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program, please contact Joanna Kukielka-Blaser, program manager, international relations, at kukielka-blaser.1@osu.edu or visit [fulbright.osu.edu](http://www.fulbright.osu.edu).

**William Brustein on global initiatives**
The energy at the Health Sciences Innovation Conference (H3C) in Mumbai was overwhelmingly positive. With more than 300 attendees, 120 speakers and 100 students participating in the poster session, the gathering opened the door for a myriad of new research opportunities and partnerships with local and global businesses.

Chandan Sen, a professor and associate dean in the College of Medicine and conference co-chair, seized the moment and initiated a more global approach to advancing healthcare. He envisioned a way to blend academia, medicine and business in the form of a conference in India, the world’s second most populous country, and did so with overwhelming success. Probably Ohio State’s largest international event, the conference brought together researchers, industry leaders and government officials to learn, engage and explore the potential for mutually beneficial projects in the bioscience and health science fields. The conference was hosted by Ohio State and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the country’s top public healthcare and research institution.

Many of India’s high ranking officials attended the conference as well, including J.P. Nadda, the Minister of Public Health, Mahesh Misra, director of the AIIMS as well as India’s minister of health, the mayor of Mumbai and the highest-ranking U.S. government official in Mumbai, Consulate-General Thomas Vajda. The keynote address was delivered by Nobel Laureate Professor Luc Montagnier, one of the individuals credited with discovering the HIV virus.

Also on hand was President Michael Drake, M.D., who traveled to Mumbai to deliver welcome remarks at the conference, visit Ohio State’s India Gateway office and sign an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT Bombay).

I share the success of this conference and President Drake’s visit to India because these activities illustrate the vision of Ohio State’s Global Gateways. The idea behind the gateways has always been for them to identify
opportunities for Ohio State to expand its global reach and presence. India is such an important country in the world, and to have had all these pieces fall into place speaks volumes to the importance of Ohio State’s presence in key locations around the world.

The H3C Conference (healthcare, commerce and career) is exactly the type of academic activity that we had hoped would be generated in Mumbai through our India Gateway. We want Ohio State’s presence in India to generate new innovations, research and economic opportunities, as well as facilitate connections for students, faculty and alumni.

You can learn more about Global Gateway activities and find out how they can facilitate faculty visits in China, India and Brazil.

William Brustein, PhD, is vice provost for global strategies and international affairs. His work at Ohio State is dedicated to fully integrating international and multicultural experiences into the academic units within the university and expanding and enhancing its global reach.

Ohio State recognized nationally for Ethiopia One Health initiative

Ohio State has been selected to receive an Andrew Heiskell Honorable Mention Award for its Ethiopia One Health initiative in recognition of the growing success of its international partnership with Addis Ababa University, Gondar University and other research and regulatory institutes in Ethiopia. One Health Ethiopia connects Ohio State’s expertise in the seven health science areas and five other academic units with 19 Ethiopian and U.S. institutes to improve health and build capacity in sub-Saharan Africa, and provides mutually beneficial learning opportunities for Ethiopian and Ohio State students.
The Heiskell Awards honor the most outstanding initiatives in international higher education among the 1,400 member campuses of the Institute of International Education (IIE). The winning campuses are notable for their geographic diversity, with campuses in nine U.S. states as well as universities in Ethiopia, South Korea and Russia.

“The ongoing collaboration promotes scholarship and research on priority global issues, offers learning and leading opportunities for students and creates a shared knowledge platform that impacts lives locally and globally,” said William Brustein, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs. “The results of the partnership exemplify Ohio State’s efforts to fully integrate international experiences and perspectives into the university’s teaching, research and engagement mission.”

The Ethiopia One Health initiative is comprised of an integrated team of researchers, clinicians and students that address major emerging health threats – cervical cancer, rabies, neonatology, food and environmental quality – in the East Africa region. Ohio State’s initiative has achieved success in establishing a bi-directional, capacity-building environment for faculty and students, created reciprocal adjunct faculty appointments, conducted workshops and field training through the One Health Summer Institute and developed courses and enhanced learning and research opportunities for students with health science courses launched on iTunes U. More than 6,600 students from 90 countries enrolled in one course alone.

“The Ethiopia One Health partnership is an innovative initiative because it solves major societal issues while training students overseas to address some of the world’s most neglected and dangerous diseases,” said Wondwossen Gebreyes, professor and director of Global Health Programs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. “This partnership integrates academicians and practitioners from Ohio State, Ethiopia and select East African countries to leverage their knowledge, skills and resources to contribute to improving biologic and economic health in developed and underdeveloped countries.”

Ohio State’s partnership with Addis Ababa University and Gondar University will continue expanding by developing certificate programs, hosting visiting scholars, maximizing e-learning potential, adding new academic course offerings and collaborating on dual degree programs.

IIE will present the awards at a ceremony in New York City on March 20 as part of its annual Best Practices in Internationalization Conference for higher education professionals. Visit IIE’s Best Practices Resource for in-depth profiles of the 2015 Heiskell Award winners.
Global Buckeyes alumni spotlight: Cheng Chen

I had a goal when I first entered Ohio State: to operate my own company. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in operations management and logistics from the Fisher College of Business in 2013, I came back to China to start my own business.

In my freshman year at Ohio State, I was president for an organization named “Teagether” to promote tea culture and meet new friends. There I met my current business partner and we later attended many events and activities hosted by Fisher. When both of us completed our degrees at Ohio State, we decided to open a company together. In 2014, we founded an international silk product retail brand called Luxuer, aiming to provide the fine Chinese silk goods to the global market. We’ve developed a website for our products and promoted our business online.

My Ohio State experience affected my career paths internationally - it opened a global view in my mind, and that led me to my current entrepreneurship in serving a global market. There is so much value in gaining international experience and understanding people from a different cultural background. With better understanding, we can have better communication and cooperation.

I believe students who have international experiences are more competitive in today’s job market. They will better adapt no matter where they go and what they do. I hope my alma mater continues to offer my fellow Buckeye students the opportunity to study, travel and intern abroad, giving them a better chance to succeed.

But for Ohio State, I wouldn’t have the opportunity to be in touch with the lovely Buckeye alumni community and know the friendliness of people from the Midwest. I wouldn’t have fallen in love with football, an unfamiliar sport in China. I’m very grateful for the care and support my alma mater has brought me. Ohio State is my pride forever. GO BUCKS!
International student profile: Yeyun Ouyang

Where is your home country and city?

Beijing, China

What is your major(s)/minor(s)?

Biochemistry major

When did you arrive in the United States/Columbus and how long will you be here?

I came to Columbus in August 2012, and it is my third year here.

Why did you choose Ohio State?

I like colleges like Ohio State that have massive resources students can use, especially resources for research. Also, I received an international scholarship from the Office of International Affairs for four years.

What have you become involved with during your time at Ohio State (student organizations, jobs, etc.)?

I am a research assistant in Dr. Dalbey’s lab in Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, studying membrane proteins.

I worked as a student assistant in Kennedy Commons from October 2013 to May 2014.
Also, I am highly involved on campus and with community service. I volunteered as a chemistry mentor at COSI, a peer mentor for College of Arts and Sciences, especially for chemistry and biochemistry majors, a mentor for Healthy Asian Youth After School Program, a proctor during the 2014 Ohio Science Olympiad and for access and scanning at the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, OH.

I am currently a peer research contact for the Undergraduate Research Office, often volunteering for student panels and weekly library advising to recruit more undergraduate researchers.

**What most surprised you about your experience in Columbus and the United States?**

I was surprised by the resources and opportunities that are available. I enjoyed being an undergraduate in Ohio State while being involved in the cutting-edge research as an independent researcher in this inspirational environment. Most importantly, the tradition of football at Ohio State is overwhelming and fascinating, which makes me proud of being a Buckeye.

**What has been the hardest thing to adapt to since you've come to Columbus?**

I am still having a hard time dealing with the air conditioning in summer, and it is hard to understand keeping the room temperature around 60 degrees.

**What is the most fun/exciting thing you've done since you arrived at Ohio State?**

Mountain biking with Outdoor Adventure Center.

**How has the Office of International Affairs helped you adapt to campus life?**

I like the weekly emails from Office of International Affairs showing the upcoming events and opportunities. I especially enjoyed the ice skating session held by the Office of International Affairs that really provides us an chance to hang out with friends.

**China Gateway facilitated visits for Ohio State deans**
The China Gateway was host to Ohio State leadership from the College of Engineering, the Moritz College of Law and the College of Arts and Sciences last December as existing institutional partnerships were solidified, new collaborative opportunities explored and student recruitment efforts strengthened.

A seven-day visit to China, including stops in Shanghai, Shunde, Shenzhen, Xi'an and Beijing is how David Williams, dean of the College of Engineering, spent the first week of December. Williams traveled to China to strengthen university and industry partnerships, meet with alumni and explore new collaborative opportunities with leading corporations.

Alan Michaels, dean of the Moritz College of Law, visited Asia for the first time over winter break to increase the college's recruitment effort. He also met with many Moritz alumni and strengthened relationships with different university partners in China, South Korea and Japan.

Garett Heysel, learned more about Ohio State’s connections in China while visiting many of the universities in which Ohio State partners in study abroad during his nine-day stay in the world’s most populous country. Heysel, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, traveled to Shanghai, Nanjing, Chengdu and Beijing to better acquaint himself with Ohio State’s higher education partners in China and to potentially identify new collaborative opportunities that will enhance students’ international experiences.

The China Gateway team offers assistance to Ohio State faculty and staff visiting China on university business, and has developed the China Travel Guide as a useful information tool. The China Travel Guide can help faculty and staff better understand the international travel process, learn about the local culture and obtain the most out of a business trip to China. The guide provides information about arrangements for pre-departure and post-arrival, how to select the appropriate visa and insight into the local
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Chinese culture. Learn more about the China Gateway and how it can facilitate focused networking, targeted recruitment and support for scholarly work abroad.

Symposium inspires discussion on global challenges and international research

The International Scholarship Symposium, an inaugural event that invited Ohio State faculty, students and scholars to share their international research projects and inspire global discussion, took place on Friday, February 27 in Page Hall at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

The symposium showcased important international research conducted by members of the Ohio State community. Faculty, staff, students and international scholars all joined together to learn more about the work accomplished by their colleagues on campus and around the world. More than 100 guests and presenters attended the event, including faculty and students from the Ohio State University at Newark, as well as the Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, Ohio.

"The symposium was an important opportunity to recognize the diverse and wide-reaching international research being accomplished here at Ohio State. This event is just a small indication of Ohio State's internationalization efforts, and the impact they are making around the world," said Kelechi Kalu, associate provost for global strategies and international affairs.

Panel presentations were divided into four topic areas involving global health, social justice, water across the planet and social actors in changing environments - areas that represent important global challenges and match well with Ohio State's Discovery Themes. In addition to the four panel discussions, 19 researchers presented their projects in a poster session.
"The inaugural International Scholarship Symposium was a great event on two levels. First, it brought together in a single venue a broad array of researchers from across the university who are engaged in international research and scholarship, providing a more comprehensive view of the extent of Ohio State's international work than ever before. Equally importantly, it provided opportunities for connection and networking for participants and attendees, which could spark new collaborations for the future. I hope that this is just the first effort in what will become an annual event," said Janet Weisenberger, senior associate vice president for research.

The symposium was organized by the International Affairs Faculty Council, convened by Professors Nina Berman, Department of Comparative Studies and Wondwossen Gebreyes, College of Veterinary Medicine and supported by the Office of International Affairs.

Taste of OSU 2015

Taste of OSU 2015 was an exciting evening filled with international cuisine, cultural exhibits and performances. Click through our Storify slideshow to see the evening's social media highlights. Click play in the lower left corner to scroll through the slideshow. Hover your mouse over the photos to see the captions.

Study abroad profile: Caroline Milliken
Wolfe scholarship recipient, Caroline Milliken, a junior majoring in English pre-education and strategic communication traveled to Budapest, Hungary as part of the 2014 Global May Hungary program.

“It was important for me to study abroad because I believe that it is important to understand and acknowledge the larger world community of which we are all a part. Learning about diverse perspectives, as well as seeing new, historic and beautiful places, is a way of becoming more connected to the past and the future of the world as a whole. My study abroad experience even helped me redefine my career path, as it introduced me to the concepts of city and regional planning, making me more interested in urban design and living abroad after graduation.

My study abroad experience was memorable because of the opportunity we had to see how history is present in Central Europe as opposed to America, whether that is through their monuments, communication methods or political action. It was interesting to see the way national events were portrayed in Hungary in relation to the U.S., and this realization of broad perspectives on similar issues is something I will remember forever. Additionally, the friends I made and the experiences I had with them in which I was pushed outside of my comfort zone made traveling abroad fun and memorable, such as going to the Hungarian baths (a tradition in Budapest)!

One of the many highlights of my experience was when my friend, Casey, and I woke up at 3:45 a.m. to hike up Gellért Hill to watch the sun rise on one of our final days in Budapest. While the hike up the hill was strenuous to say the least, the view from the top of the hill at dawn was so breathtaking that it made the journey worth it. To be able to watch the city wake up was an experience I will never forget, and it made for a wonderful, reflective experience for our final week in the city.”
Study abroad profile: David Minich

David Minich, a senior majoring in animal sciences, has traveled to Ecuador, Ireland and South Africa to study abroad during his undergraduate career with Ohio State.

“Before coming to The Ohio State University, my scope of the world ventured no further than my own travels in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. However, all of that changed during my first quarter here at Ohio State when I had the opportunity to travel to Ecuador on one of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences study abroad programs.

During my freshman year trip to Ecuador, we toured numerous farms, learning about sustainability and the culture of the country. With just 18 first-year students in the group, we all quickly became good friends. Some of my best friends today are those who traveled with me on this study abroad program, and it is something we still talk about years later. My first international experience initially seemed very overwhelming – I had to get my passport, attempt to brush up on my Spanish language skills and prepare for my first trip out of the country, but when I returned home, I knew immediately that I wanted to participate in another study abroad program and travel abroad again.

In December of my sophomore year, I was fortunate enough to be able to once again go abroad, traveling to Ireland for 11 days studying human and animal interactions. This was another incredible experience learning about the culture and society in Ireland while also having numerous opportunities to compare and contrast the use of animals and land in Ireland and the United States. A few of the more memorable experiences of this program were visiting the Cliffs of Moher as well as taking a behind-the-scenes tour of the Dublin Zoo.
Finally, after my junior year, I was extremely lucky to be chosen as one of the first students to participate in a new study abroad program focusing on exotic animal behavior and welfare in South Africa. As an animal sciences major who hopes to one day work with exotic animals as a veterinarian, I could not think of a better program to fit my interests, round out my animal sciences career at Ohio State and fulfill one of my biggest dreams – traveling to Africa! Every single day of this 17-day program was filled with surprises. From observing wild animals in their natural habitat and witnessing amazing moments, such as a herd of nearly 60 elephants crossing a river, to learning about the problems these animals are facing as human populations and wildlife increasingly interact, this program provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget and will always be able to reference during my future career.

Before coming to Ohio State I never anticipated traveling outside of the country, much less to three different continents. Doing so has broadened my horizons and I can confidently say that study abroad has not only defined my time here at Ohio State and in CFAES, but it has also changed my life for the better. It has allowed me to take what I have learned in the classroom and apply it outside of the country, and then take what I've learned outside of the country and apply it back to the classroom.”