MESSAGE

DEAR PARTNERS AND COLLEAGUES,

Furthering Ohio State’s mission to create and discover knowledge to improve the well-being of our state, regional, national and global communities, the Office of International Affairs partners with Ohio State academic units to develop and manage a wide array of international collaborations.

In 2019, the Office of International Affairs supported 32 units across the university and medical center to enable wide ranging, highly impactful international academic and research activity here in Columbus and around the world. Partnership agreements have enabled meaningful engagements, including student rehabilitation clinical externships in Nepal, renewable energy and advanced manufacturing research in India, development and installation of clean water systems in Tanzania, and diversity and inclusion seminars for German teachers-in-training.

In 2019, a number of internal policy and protocol changes were implemented. The establishment and management of International Cooperative Graduate Degree Agreements shifted from the purview of International Affairs to the Graduate School. Translation Certification services for two-language version agreements continued to be contracted out to Ohio State’s Foreign Language Publication office, and as of this past year, the fiscal responsibility for the service was successfully transitioned to the Ohio State initiating units. Finally, the Office of International Affairs strengthened its collaboration with the Office of Secure Research to develop and utilize a risk assessment survey tool, to facilitate university risk/benefit decision making for agreements.

The international partnerships team proudly supports Ohio State in advancing internationalization, particularly on critical matters in today’s world. As the university and medical center adapt to the changing needs and interests at the heart of our campus community and throughout the far reaches of our world, we will continue working to facilitate such important and meaningful international collaborations.

This report provides statistics and highlights of Ohio State’s international partnership collaborations from 2019. Visit 2019 Partnerships to view a complete list of agreements established in the calendar year.

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2019 IMPACT STATISTICS

44 Agreements established in 2019

23 Countries with collaborations

41 International partners in 2019

9 Renewed partners with former collaborators

8 MOAs established

17 New partners collaborating with Ohio State

230+ Active agreements active across the university and medical center

5 SEAs established
While the number of agreements established in 2019 is lower than in recent years, the types of agreements and specific activities codified are more complex and specific in nature, enabling international activities including clinical practica for students, collaborative research publications, short-term training seminars and more.
NORWAY

Lovisenberg Diaconal University College, Oslo — College of Nursing
Faculty Lead: Dianne Morrison-Beedy, professor and Ohio State College of Nursing Chief Talent & Global Strategy Officer

The MOU signed in 2019 codified an existing long-time relationship between the partners. Multi-level collaborations have included two-week intensive clinical experience in community and population health, capitalizing on approaches to student learning opportunities involving U.S.-Norwegian student dyads, faculty development, and research collaboration. Activities also included a 2019 Fulbright Specialist project of Morrison-Beedy who collaborated with partners at Lovisenberg on the development of nurse practitioner curriculum. Funding was received in February 2020 from the Diku Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research to support further mutual exchange.

GREECE

University of Athens, Department of Anesthesiology — Ohio State Department of Anesthesiology, College of Medicine
Faculty Lead: Thomas Papadimos, professor of Anesthesiology, Division of Critical Medicine

This six-year relationship was initiated in 2014 and renewed with a new MOU in 2019. The partnership has resulted in collaboration on case reports, review articles, and original scientific manuscripts between the two institutions. Together with counterparts in Greece, Papadimos has published eight research papers and exchanged scholars to and from Columbus and Athens on four occasions.
GERMANY

**German-American Fulbright Commission – Ohio State College of Education and Human Ecology, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and Office of International Affairs**

Faculty Lead: **Francis Troyan**, associate professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology

In spring 2019, Ohio State welcomed 20 master of education students from Germany for a three-week seminar on diversity and inclusion in education. Students gained an understanding of political, historical, cultural, and social issues that inform pedagogies for equity, diversity, special education, and inclusion in the U.S. education system.

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**Norwegian students visited diagnostic laboratory in Columbus during internship at Ohio State.**

NORWAY

**TRONDBUSS: Norwegian University of Science and Technology – Ohio State Department of Molecular Genetics**

Faculty Lead: **Patrice Hamel**, associate professor, Department of Molecular Genetics and Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry

U.S.-Norway initiative for bilateral student mobility between the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and the Ohio State Department of Molecular Genetics, continued its collaborative work in 2019. Norwegian students took part in a three-month research project in laboratories at Ohio State to provide intellectual and practical training with a focus on basic research in a laboratory setting.

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**First-year Ohio State business students on study abroad experience in Hamburg, Germany.**

GERMANY

**Fisher College of Business – Kuhne Logistics University, Hamburg, Germany**

Academic exchange between the universities, with one student from Kuhne Logistics enrolling at Ohio State in spring 2019. In summer of 2019, Fisher hosted a leadership and logistics study tour for 15 participants from Kuhne Logistics. In May 2019, Kuhne Logistics hosted a two-week education abroad program for 30 first-year undergraduate Buckeyes.
ETHIOPIA

Addis Ababa University — Ohio State College of Education and Human Ecology
Faculty Lead: Ann O’Connell, professor, Department of Educational Studies, College of Education and Human Ecology

In July 2019, a delegation of Education and Human Ecology and Ohio State leadership met with Addis Ababa faculty and administration, Ohio State’s Global One Health initiative, USAID-Ethiopia, and the African Union which is headquartered in Addis Ababa. A further expansion area is now being supported by Dean Donald Pope-Davis, whose “Big Ideas” initiative selected O’Connell’s education proposal for funding: “A Multimethod Investigation of Early Childhood Care and Education Practices in Ethiopia.”

TANZANIA

Singida Villages Project — Global Water Institute
Faculty Lead: Marty Kress, executive director, The Ohio State University Global Water Institute

The Global Water Institute and multiple partners in Tanzania – WordServe International, Trees for the Future, BM Farm Africa, and Global Partnerships for Development – began collaborations in 2017 on the Singida Villages Project. Project work continued in 2019 to implement sustainable clean water systems and provide agricultural training to improve household nutrition and livelihoods. Engagement has resulted in: clean water supply and improved access for 10,000 residents, first ever on-site water supply for the Ghalunyangu health center and primary school, development of nurseries to support forest gardens, introduction of orange sweet potato and other crops to improve household nutrition, diversify crop types and improve soil quality, and intensive training to increase harvests and link smallholder farmers directly to markets.
ETHIOPIA AND KENYA

**Global One Health Summer Institute hosted by Global One Health initiative**

Faculty Lead: Wondwossen Gebreyes, professor, College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director, [Global One Health initiative](#).

A capacity building event held in five East African locations (four in Ethiopia, one in Kenya). 664 trainees from 42 different institutions across Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, Uganda and Somalia participated in 22 sessions that comprised of faculty from Ohio State and regional partners delivering modular trainings, interactive workshops, didactic trainings and applied learning opportunities to build One Health capacity among Ohio State students and eastern Africa professionals. Stakeholders included the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Addis Ababa University, Center for Innovative Drug Development and Therapeutic Trials for Africa, University of Gondar, Haramaya University, the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, the Ethiopian National Animal Health Diagnosis and Investigation Center and the Kenya Medical Research Institute.

**PARTNERSHIPS SPOTLIGHT: ASIA**

**TAIWAN**

**Taipei Medical University — College of Pharmacy**

Faculty Lead: Jennifer Rodis, professor, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement.

Two pharmacists from Taipei Medical University visited Ohio State to engage in three months of clinical training in collaboration with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The participants gained important knowledge and skills in the areas of transplants and neurology. They will use these new strategies to inform care models back in Taiwan.
KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakh National Agrarian University — College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, South Centers
Faculty Lead: Rafiq Islam, director, Soil, Water and Bioenergy Resources

In 2019 the Ohio State Food Animal Health Research Program and the Kazakh National Agrarian University signed an agreement for a joint “Strengthening U.S. and Kazakh Scientific Capacity Through Joint-Institutional Agricultural Teaching, Research, and Outreach Development.” Ohio State faculty members Rafiq Islam and Renukaradhya Gourapura delivered presentations, held workshops and collaborated on research proposals in Almaty. Rafiq Islam collaborated with colleagues at KazNAU to establish several new experiments and mentor PhD students on climate-smart agriculture in Kazakhstan.

INDIA

Tata Management Training Centre — Fisher College of Business
Faculty Lead: Peter Ward, professor, director, Center for Operational Management

In November 2019, the Fisher College of Business hosted a training program at the Pune, India campus of Tata Management Training Centre. The 12-day training was led by four Fisher faculty and one representative from Tata, and was made possible with assistance by the India Gateway. Subject matter focused on key functional areas of business leadership and performance including innovation and disruption, operational excellence, managerial economics, strategy and markets, finance, accounting and leadership principles and practices.
PARTNERSHIPS SPOTLIGHT: LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

Mackenzie Presbyterian University – College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty Lead: Susan Melsop, associate professor, Department of Design, College of Arts and Sciences

The agreement signed in 2019 formalized a relationship between Mackenzie Presbyterian University and Ohio State that begun in 2017 with a pilot course “Design Matters.” Since its inception the collaboration focused on enhancing learning by bringing together students from Ohio State and Mackenzie in an experiential learning course to serve vulnerable communities, advancing social impact design through teaching, learning and research, and enriching learning through cultural exchange and direct engagement.

ARGENTINA

Universidad Nacional de las Artes – Ohio State School of Music
Faculty Lead: Eugenia Costa-Giomi, professor of Music Education, Ohio State School of Music

After previous international visits and collaborations, Ohio State School of Music professor Eugenia Costa-Giomi initiated an agreement in 2019 with Universidad Nacional de las Artes in Argentina. The agreement enabled world renowned Argentinian musicians to perform in Columbus during an annual autumn Latin American Music Celebration honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month at Ohio State. Additional lectures, recitals and research collaborations are also planned.
STUDENT EXCHANGE SPOTLIGHT

ITALY

Università Bocconi, Italy – Fisher College of Business
Student Exchange: Angela Adams, marketing major, Fisher College of Business

“I volunteered to participate in a sustainability workshop that one of the fashion professors helped organized and it was truly eye opening. There was a lot of group work involved and interesting guest speakers. Since the workshop, I have been very inspired to read and research more about sustainability. It has even made me question what I want to do for a career. The main thing to take away from this is step outside your comfort zone and go experience things you thought you would never be interested in. Chances are you either learn something or you get inspired to take your life in a different direction.”

Marketing major Angela Adams participated in a student exchange at the Università Bocconi, Italy.

OHIO STATE PARTNERS

Establishment of Ohio State’s international partnerships is a collaborative team effort between the Office of International Affairs and multiple units and offices across the university. Thanks to our many colleagues who provide their expertise in order to enable and further Ohio State’s global engagements:

- College International Liaisons
- Education Abroad
- Global Gateways
- Graduate School
- International Risk Management
- International Students and Scholars
- Office of Business and Finance
- Office of Legal Affairs
- Office of Secure Research
- Technology Commercialization Office
- University Registrar