The Office of International Affairs facilitated the advancement of a wide array of international collaborations in 2021. Over the course of the year, the Global Gateways and International Partnerships unit finalized 42 agreements with 11 colleges in 23 countries. This collection of agreements marks a significant increase from the 27 that were formalized in 2020, as well as the 32 in 2019. It is clear the world is ready to reconnect and collaborate.

As a result of this activity, Ohio State now collaborates with 13 new partners: the French Embassy in the United States, Next Step Ministries (Canada), Shanghai Teacher Training Center (China), Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (China), Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences (Finland), Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Amity University (India), Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia (Italy), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Chung-Ang University (South Korea), Arusha Technical College (Tanzania) and the University of Zambia. All of these agreements – both new and renewed – illustrate Ohio State’s commitment to internationalizing its campus, sustaining global connections and engaging in cross-cultural teaching, learning and scholarship.

Though the pandemic has certainly affected international travel and programming, 2021 clearly demonstrates that international agreements and forging new relationships are both possible and sustainable. The Office of International Affairs remains eager to facilitate new collaborations that will support student and scholar mobility as well as innovative research.
42 AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED

- 22 Memoranda of Understanding
- 1 Cooperative Degree
- 1 Letter of Engagement
- 1 Combined Degree
- 8 Memoranda of Agreement
- 9 Student Exchange Agreements

AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED BY COLLEGE/UNIT*

- College of Arts and Sciences: 12
- College of Dentistry: 1
- College of Education and Human Ecology: 5
- College of Engineering: 5
- College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences: 4
- College of Medicine: 2
- College of Pharmacy: 1
- College of Social Work: 1
- College of Veterinary Medicine: 1
- Fisher College of Business: 8
- Moritz College of Law: 7
- Office of International Affairs: 5

*SOME AGREEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH MULTIPLE COLLEGE PARTNERS

251 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

22 AGREEMENT RENEWALS

13 NEW PARTNERS

23 COUNTRIES IN 55 COUNTRIES

NEW PARTNERS
Indian Consul General

Randhir Jaiswal, consul general of India to the United States (New York), met with Ohio State leadership and faculty on May 11 to discuss current collaborations and future opportunities for partnerships with institutions and businesses in India.

Ohio State has a long history of engagement in India dating to the 1950s and in 2021 had 10 active international agreements with leading universities. Mumbai is also home to Ohio State’s India Gateway, which facilitates academic and research partnerships, assists in student recruitment efforts, supports collaborative initiatives and fosters relationships with alumni.

Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission

Angela Brintlinger, director of the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, established a Memorandum of Agreement with the Polish-American Fulbright Commission. She noted, “We believe that exposing Ohio State students to Polish academics and giving Polish colleagues a chance to work in a U.S. academic setting, will increase mutual knowledge between our countries and educate Americans about Poland’s place in Europe.”

Hosting Agreement

A hosting agreement with Ca’ Foscari University (Venice, Italy) provides funding to bring Tomislav Socanac to Ohio State as a postdoctoral fellow sponsored by the Department of Linguistics. Socanac will collaborate with various faculty and students in linguistics, including Professor Brian Joseph. The collaboration will develop mutually beneficial research projects and workshops.
SGROUP

Ohio State has been accepted as an Associate Member to The SGroup - Universities in Europe, a network composed of over 48 higher education institutions from 23 European countries and six countries outside Europe. Its aim is to foster university excellence in education and research and to promote the continuous adjustment to educational and societal needs in a creative and innovative way. Its mission is based on four core areas of co-operation – internationalization strategy, academic collaboration, academic mobility and transfer of knowledge.

UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM

The Departments of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology collaborated to establish a joint student exchange agreement with the University of Mannheim. Students traveling on this exchange are able to select coursework in English from a broad roster of social science disciplines and are able to stay on their graduation schedule while garnering a unique and global perspective.

MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

Moritz College of Law designed and implemented a 3+1 program with Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey (Mexico) that will bring in Mexican students to earn the LLM. Similar agreements were implemented with Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, East China University of Political Science and Law and University of International Business and Economics in China.