A Global University

The Ohio State University is committed to becoming a preeminent global university — one which prepares its students and faculty to actively participate in knowledge-based collaborations around the world.

As one of America’s finest public universities, ranked in the top 20 best public research universities in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report in 2012, we strive to build a foundation that will integrate international dimensions with every facet of the institution, to pursue international partnerships, as well as collaborate on the solution of local and global issues based on Ohio State’s expertise.

Global Gateways

As universities across the nation prepare their students to excel in the global marketplace, Ohio State is implementing a strategy that will integrate international dimensions into its teaching, research and engagement mission. As part of that strategy, in February 2010 Ohio State opened a Gateway office in the downtown business district of Shanghai, China, and in March 2012 opened a Gateway office in Mumbai, India. Ohio State continues to examine additional opportunities for offices in Brazil, Turkey, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

China Gateway

China was selected as the first location for a Gateway office due to Ohio State’s strong ties to the country in terms of its ongoing faculty collaborations, study abroad programs, international student base and international agreements with institutions of higher education.

The China Gateway is dedicated to providing Ohio State with a base of operations for faculty research, teaching and partnerships with Chinese educational institutions; center for executive and corporate training and a new way to explore partnerships with international corporations; portal for study abroad opportunities; location for international student recruitment; and point of contact to strengthen connections between Ohio State students, faculty, alumni and friends of the university in Ohio and China.
Programs and Services

Global Internship Program — Facilitated by the Global Gateways with support from the Office of Student Life, the Global Internship Program focuses on providing professional opportunities to Ohio State students in Gateway countries. In today’s global economy, international internship experience is an invaluable asset allowing students to familiarize themselves with international working environments while collaborating on real projects with some of the world’s most innovative multinational companies.

The program is available to Ohio State students of all majors and backgrounds, providing them with working and learning experiences through project-based internships, themed workshops, personal alumni mentorship and cultural excursions. The comprehensive program package includes extensive orientations, housing, international health insurance, visa application fees and more.

International Corporate Partnership Program — The Gateway also facilitates the International Corporate Partnership Program, which connects the exceptional talent and resources at Ohio State to corporations and organizations in China and beyond. The China Gateway coordinates recruitment efforts, bringing Ohio State graduates to corporate partners in China.

Academic Partnership Program — The China Gateway helps the university explore partnerships with universities in China through its Academic Partnership Program, which brings together Ohio State students and faculty with researchers in China to facilitate global advancements on the world’s most pressing issues.

Global Alumni Services — Ohio State’s presence in Shanghai also fulfills a vital role in the worldwide connectivity of alumni. Through its Global Alumni Services, the Gateway cooperates with alumni clubs in mainland China and Taiwan to organize events, create networking opportunities, connect alumni with faculty and students and maintain a growing database of alumni living in Greater China.

Travel and Liaison Services — For Ohio State faculty and administrators traveling to Shanghai and other parts of China, the China Gateway team is available to provide information about visa applications as well as facilitate introductions and meetings to initiate and/or support Ohio State’s global partnerships. The Gateway staff can also provide tips about Chinese culture, recommend accommodations and help with general wayfinding.

Pre-Departure Orientation Services — The Office of International Affairs and the Office of Student Life partner to provide incoming international students with pre-departure orientations in cities across China. The China Gateway facilitates and helps coordinate this large-scale effort in-country.

About Ohio State

The Ohio State University is one of America’s largest and most comprehensive institutions of higher education with a top-rated academic medical center and a premier cancer hospital and research center. On the campus in Columbus, Ohio, more than 56,000 students select from 170 undergraduate majors and 250 master’s, doctoral and professional degree programs. Founded as a federal land-grant institution in 1870, the university’s legacy extends to more than 500,000 living alumni.