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.

To solidify Ohio State’s commitment to enhancing its global interactions, the university has developed the following international strategies: increase the percentage of international faculty and students, promote scholarship on the major global issues, create international dual degree programs, promote collaboration with Ohio’s international business ventures, develop an international physical presence and increase the international experience for undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

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 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. Currently, Ohio State has:

- More than 3,400 students from China enrolled
- 16 study abroad and student exchange programs in mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong
- An advanced language education program based in Qingdao
- A jointly-operated Center for American Culture at Wuhan University
- 31 Memoranda of Agreement and Understanding established with universities in China
Goals
The China Gateway is a multi-faceted center that capitalizes on the strengths of the university’s growing connections around the world, 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
- Point of contact to strengthen connections between Ohio State students, faculty, alumni and friends of the university in Ohio and China

Programs
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. The Gateway also facilitates the International Corporate Partnership and Global Internship Programs, connecting the exceptional talent and resources at Ohio State to corporations in China and beyond.

Services
For faculty and staff, the Gateway supports international collaboration by increasing teaching and research opportunities, facilitating travel and providing funding resources. New international students can take advantage of the Gateway’s services before they arrive on the Columbus campus by attending a pre-departure orientation, and all Ohio State students can interact with the Gateway during their college careers by studying abroad or pursuing an international internship.

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 local alumni clubs to organize events, create networking opportunities, connect alumni with faculty and students and maintain a growing database of alumni living in China.

Leadership
William I. Brustein is Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs at Ohio State. His work at the university is dedicated to fully integrating international and multicultural experiences to the academic units within the university and expanding and enhancing our global reach.

“The group was deeply impressed by the caring and responsible way we were treated by the Gateway staff during our recent study abroad. The students felt immediately at home.”
— Mark Bender, associate professor at Ohio State

“I witnessed not only what the Gateway could do for me, but virtually any Buckeye out there. I have gained a tremendous amount of experience in a professional work environment, and can say with full confidence that this office will be a phenomenal resource for future students, faculty and alumni.”
— Andrew Ameter, marketing student and Gateway intern

About Ohio State
The Ohio State University is recognized as 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. More than 6,000 of the students attending the Columbus campus come from outside the United States.

The university’s annual operating budget is close to $5 billion, and its research prowess attains world-class status in critical areas such as global climate change, cancer, infectious disease, advanced materials and ag-bio products. Founded as a federal land-grant institution in 1870, the university has awarded 652,780 degrees since 1878. Its legacy extends to more than 500,000 living alumni.

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