Ohio State China Gateway

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 because of Ohio State’s strong ties to the country in terms of its ongoing faculty connections, study abroad programs, international student base and international agreements with institutions of higher education. Currently, Ohio State has more than 2,800 students from China enrolled; 20 study abroad/student exchange programs in mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong; a nationally recognized advanced language education program based in Qingdao; and 20 Memoranda of Agreement established with universities in China.

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Mission
The China Gateway is considered a multi-faceted center that capitalizes on the strengths of the university’s growing connections around the world, providing Ohio State with a:

- Base of operations for faculty research, teaching and international 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

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.

Phoebe You is the Director of the Ohio State China Gateway and a graduate of the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State. Phoebe focuses on developing a network of Ohio State alumni, exploring the market for executive training opportunities for Ohio State, and providing assistance with the potential exchange of faculty and students. She also serves as Ohio State’s liaison with the Chinese government as Ohio State builds its presence in Shanghai.

Programs and Services
The China Gateway helps the university explore partnerships with universities in China through its Academic Partnership Program, designed to increase collaboration on a global level, connect students and faculty with researchers in China and further facilitate global advancements on the world’s most pressing issues.

Ohio State's presence in Shanghai also fulfills a vital role in the worldwide connectivity of alumni. Through its Global Alumni Services, the Gateway organizes events, creates networking opportunities, connects alumni with faculty and students and maintains a database of alumni living in China. Through these outreach efforts and ongoing exploration of social media, the office continues to discover more and more recent graduates in China.

Additionally, the China Gateway has partnered with the Fisher College of Business to facilitate the university’s Executive Training and International Corporate Partnership Programs, which connect the exceptional resources and talent at Ohio State with corporations in China and beyond.

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 5,500 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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