Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarships

Celebrating Ten Years of Discovery
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for Ohio State Students

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The Ohio State University
The Wolfes have long been great friends to the University, and I am deeply grateful for their strategic vision and generosity in assuring that students have the resources to study abroad. The experience enriches students’ education in ways that simply are not possible through classroom work alone. They return changed for a lifetime, with broadened horizons and expanded aspirations.

—E. Gordon Gee
Ten Years of Discovery

The Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarships represent an investment in students and their opportunity to explore internationally as a complement to the education they receive at The Ohio State University.

In the decade that has passed since the first Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarships were awarded, 204 students have traveled the world, been inspired by the places they have been and the people they have met, and gained a unique educational perspective. Twenty-two additional students will join this ever-expanding group today, and each year more will come to know the generosity that is reflected in their Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship.

With the opportunity to study abroad, these students have traveled to 37 countries on six of the seven continents. Many of the students have now graduated, but several have shared that this experience was a turning point for them academically, professionally, or personally.

The faculty and staff of the University are grateful for the ability to provide so many students with this incredible educational experience, and we would like to share with you the gratitude of past Wolfe Scholars.
Questions for Wolfe Scholars

What made your study abroad experience memorable?

The time in Germany changed my personality, my opinions, and will forever influence my future. In many ways, the experience may have been one of the best experiences in my life.

—Michael Sugitan

In 2004, I hopped on a plane to spend a year in Uppsala, Sweden. It was my first time out of Columbus, much less the United States, for more than a few weeks. The time I spent alone in a completely foreign environment allowed me—forced me, really—to examine myself, what it was that I stood for, and who I was.

—Carolyn Pierce

My preconceived notions of the daily lives of other people were completely shattered. In its own way, my culture shock will remain an unforgettable part of my Russian experience.

—Nicole Feronti

Studying abroad was the first time I had ever been outside of the United States. You read and learn about all of these places in school, and I was finally able to visit some of them. The only problem now is that I want to travel everywhere.

—Samantha Roeth

There was never a dull day on my trip to China. We were so far away from home, but the hospitality and understanding of the Chinese people made us feel comfortable.

—Jessica Suman

Without the friends I made on the trip, it would not have been the same. I would not have learned as much as I did, and I would not miss Singapore as much as I do now.

—Phillip Gustafson
What made your study abroad experience memorable? (continued)

My study abroad was my first venture outside of the United States. The Wolfe Scholarship afforded me that initial and crucial expansion of my understanding of the world.

—Kristopher Lucius

Meeting my wife. She was a fellow OSU student independently enrolled in the study abroad program. We met at orientation before we left, although we went to different places.

—Josh Greenberg

Prior to my study abroad experience I had never had the opportunity to leave the U.S. As of today, I’ve lived on four continents and have traveled to over 20 countries. The Wolfe family gave me a key to the door of the world, and when I unlocked it I ran through it.

—Jacob Ruh

During my study abroad experience in Bath, England, I realized that I wanted to become a professor of English, and I am now a PhD student at Ohio State.

—Seth Reno

My grandmother is Japanese, so as long as I could remember I held a fascination with Japan. Through the study abroad program, I met many of my Japanese relatives for the first time, I learned my grandmother’s native language, and I experienced a life so unlike my own in America, but also familiar.

—Brett Profitt

It is difficult to put into words the feelings that came over me the first time I saw the Diego Rivera murals in Mexico’s National Palace. Seeing the vibrant colors coming to life after studying the paintings in several different classes at Ohio State was one of the most significant experiences in my life.

—Nicholas Torres
Tyler Kimberly and Nicole Feronti form the H-I in the middle of an O-H-I-O in Moscow, Russia
What made your study abroad experience memorable? (continued)

In addition to the academic growth and cultural experience, an unanticipated, life-changing introduction occurred during my stay—I met my future husband while I was studying abroad.

—Nicole Hernandez

For me, I had never had any opportunities to travel before, but this was more than I ever imagined.

—Meghan Watson

What part of your international experience had the most impact on your academic/professional career?

The trip taught me to be more vocal and outgoing and it also taught me patience and a willingness to see things from other perspectives.

—Phillip Gustafson

Before traveling to Russia, I was unsure where I wanted my education to take me. However, after my trip, my sense of patriotism and appreciation for America was strengthened even more. I knew that I wanted to enter into the intelligence community and begin actively participating in the American government.

—Nicole Feronti

My investigation into human trafficking had a profound impact... I will be incorporating ideas and experiences garnered from my travels into what will become my honors thesis in psychology so that I may graduate with Honors and Research Distinction.

—Kristin Silver
Michael Brooks in Victoria, Australia
What part of your international experience had the most impact on your academic/professional career? (continued)

Study at the University of Oxford helped me be certain of wanting to attend law school. A serious examination of law and ethics helped me understand what it meant to be a lawyer and what type of lawyer I would eventually like to become.

—Noorjahan Rahman

Learning about Australian agriculture, how it works, and its impact on a global basis has helped me the most in my career. It taught me to follow the crop progress around the world because it can have an impact on how my dad and I market our crops.

—Michael Brooks

I had the truly unique experience while in the Netherlands of visiting the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal and actually sitting in on part of Slobodan Milosevic’s trial. This was a fascinating experience.

—Julianne Mills

After I had settled into my first job out of OSU, my boss told me that one of the key factors in his decision to hire me was my “incredibly mature worldview.” Prior to that summer as a Wolfe Scholar my worldview did not extend far beyond Ohio’s borders.

—Kristopher Lucius

I have never had a job interview where I was not asked about my study abroad experience.

—Jason Block

My trip was one of the first experiences I had where I felt truly academically challenged.

—Katy Hite
Wolfe Scholar Justin Moore (right) with friend Daniel Hatkoff at the Ascot Horse Track, England
What part of your international experience had the most impact on your academic/professional career? (continued)

Before traveling to Dresden with a Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship, I dismissed study abroad as a novelty reserved for the elite. My time abroad vastly expanded my knowledge of language and culture, and gave me the confidence to explore.

—Wendy Dray

The international experience encouraged me to pursue a master’s degree, something that I may not have considered prior to the study abroad.

—Kevin Hartzell

I completed a master’s degree in environmental economics and policy from Duke University, and having studied sustainable development in eastern Europe as an undergraduate was something the admissions committee was very interested in knowing more about.

—Lindsey McDougle

The international experience provided me a certain level of Spanish language fluency when I returned to Ohio. When the occasions arise, I am able to assist Spanish-speaking individuals who do not utilize English.

—Nicole Hernandez

Because I had the opportunity to study at the London School of Economics, I was offered an internship with PriceWaterhouse Coopers New York upon my return to the United States. Now I currently work for PriceWaterhouse Coopers full-time.

—Justin Moore

What had the most impact was being able to experience so much with other students who have their own thoughts and ideas about architecture. It really helped me to establish my own position in the field today.

—Adam Davie
Kristy Fultz (right) with her host family in Toledo, Spain
Why is developing a global perspective important?

By having a global perspective, one can better understand the lives and cultures of others, which ultimately allows us to appreciate and respect one another more.

—Kristy Fultz

A broader understanding of the world could make or break a sales deal or help a project along. Personally, I value my new perspective on the world, as I no longer feel as if I live in my own little bubble.

—Michael Sugitan

I do research in global conservation and sustainability, and am constantly thinking about conflicts and balances between economics, conservation, poverty, and development. None of what I do would be possible without a global perspective.

—Julianne Mills

Developing a global perspective enables one to be an open member of society. We learn that there are many valuable approaches to any given situation and that each one provides an opportunity for learning if we are open to it.

—Lauren Bandman

I’ve realized that being a seasoned traveler with the ability to adapt to different cultures is becoming less of a distinction; it is a necessary skill.

—Kristopher Lucius

It opens your eyes to the things you’ve never taken the chance to recognize.

—Sara Elizondo

As technology and interdependence make the world smaller and smaller, knowing how to live in other societies becomes more of a necessity.

—Jason Block
Kevin Kestner in Dresden, Germany
Why is developing a global perspective important? (continued)

It’s ironic: The more I explore the world, the more people I meet, the more languages I learn, the more I fall in love with my hometown, Columbus, Ohio. Not because Columbus is any better, but because I can relate to the beauties that I’ve experienced around the world and more deeply understand the beauties that are hiding in my backyard.

—Kenny Galloway

As global situations require a unified response, we are quickly finding that antiquated ideals of selfish and excessive patriotism harm rather than help.

—Brett Profitt

Developing a global perspective is important to developing yourself personally.

—Melissa Henwood

Developing a global perspective is particularly important in business. As international trade expands and the economy globalizes, the ability to understand world events and relate to international counterparts is imperative.

—Travis Waller

Having an appreciation for diverse customs and traditions helps pave the path toward less discrimination and a more unified society.

—Kevin Kestner

No longer are the days where we only need to interact with people from the United States.

—Justin Moore
Jacob Ruh at the Steve Irwin Zoo in Brisbane, Australia
Wolfe Study Abroad: 
Interesting Facts

- National or de facto languages spoken in the countries visited by Wolfe Scholars: Afrikaans, Arabic, Cantonese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, French, Finnish, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Scots, Scottish English, Slovene, Spanish, Swazi, Swahili, Swedish.

- Top three countries visited by Wolfe Scholars: France, England, and Italy.

- The majority of countries have been visited by multiple students, but there are 12 that have been visited by only one Wolfe Scholar to date: Austria, Brazil, Finland, Greece, India, Israel, Korea, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, and Sweden.

- Two students met their future spouse through their participation in the study abroad program.

- One student visited relatives in Japan for the first time during his study abroad trip.

- Three students expressed that it was during their study abroad experience that they affirmed or realized that they wanted to pursue their graduate education.
Wolfe Scholar Samanta Roeth and friend Kaeli Zink in Barcelona, Spain, celebrating their first time in the Mediterranean Sea.
Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
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Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 1999-2000

Abigail Dudley
Pre-Journalism

Ema Kamera
Marketing

Emmanuel Noche
Biology

Kathryn Pierce
Japanese

Heather Ricker
English

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2000-2001

Mary Bailey
Anthropology

Lauren Bandman
Music Education

Richard Duarte
Germanic Languages and Literature

Shantell Feeser
Pre-Journalism

Joshua Greenberg
Management Sciences

Kathryn Hitchcock
Human Development and Family Science

Katy Hite
Theatre

Lindsey Hoskinson
Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Scheryl Hwang
Psychology

Tracie Irvin
French

Timothy Kleinman
German

Michelle Pizzurro
Italian

Sara Rohland
Chemistry

Julie Skidmore
International Business

Jonathan Vaas
Political Science

Katherine Whitten
Plant Health Management

Sean Williams
Criminology

Mollie-Marie Workman
French/International Studies
Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2001-2002

Katherine Andrews
English
Ahmad Raslan Arida
Biology
Brian Barkhurst
Arts and Sciences
Brandi Bugh
Anthropology
Adam Buxton
Pre-Mechanical Engineering
Ka Chio
Business
Noel Coffman
Pre-Mechanical Engineering
Rae Cunningham
English
Shelly Daft
Design
Joseph Deveny
German
Kenneth Galloway
International Business
Jennifer Gutierrez
Spanish
Joseph Matthews
Japanese
Ayama Newton
Textiles and Clothing
Sara Sapochack
Animal Science
Colleen Sharkey
Social Work
McCain Smith
International Business
Kimberley Sondles
Human Development and Family Science
Cori Stevens
German
Nicole Winkle
Marketing
Kristen Woolsey
Marketing

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2002-2003

Heather Bowditch
Psychology
Kyle Bunte
Architecture
Meghan Burke
Arts and Sciences
Eliot Conaway
German
LeHenry Givens
African-American Studies
Chantal Johnson
Psychology
Amit Joshi
Computer Science and Engineering
Hannah Lee
Physics

Jacquelin Lewis
International Studies

Anne Logue
Arts and Sciences

Theresa Magree
English

Julianne Mills
Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology

Rebekah Moser
English

Brock Newton
Political Science

David Paris
Family Resource Management

Tatum Phan
Psychology

Briane Powers
Accounting

Jacob Ruh
English

Abigail Santer
Art

Kelly Schultheis
Human Development and Family Science

Mitchell Shankman
Finance

Gabrielle Stephens
English

Roni Thomas
International Business

Rachelle Thurik
Textiles and Clothing

Keena Webb
Environmental Science

Sheree Williams
Sociology

Dana Woll
Art

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars Traveling 2003-2004

Nelson Carson
International Business

Sara Dement
Nursing

Taya Flores
Communications

Evan Gardner
East Asian Languages and Literature

Kevin Haldeman
East Asian Languages and Literature

Joshua Hardesty
Architecture

Geri Hirsch
Accounting

Anneke Holquist
International Studies
Keith Lazuka
Computer Information Science

Laura Lepicovska
French

Kristopher Lucius
Landscape Architecture

Joshua Mapes
Business

Ryan Mapes
Finance

Lindsey McDougle
Environmental and Natural Resources

Justin Moore
Finance

Tracie Mulhausen
Logistics

Andrew Plagenz
Natural Resources

Brett Profitt
Music

Elizabeth Rice
Political Science

Lane Scarberry
Theatre

Brehan Shamlin
Landscape Architecture

Robert Sledge
Information Systems and Technology

Benjamin Philip Tear
Undecided

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2004-2005

Winmay Au
Architecture

Jason Block
Accounting

Andrew Calhoun
Architecture

Mun Chuk Chong
Marketing

Tiffany Christie
International Business

Robert Daniell
Physics

Wendy Dray
German

Mark Dyer
History

Deborah Elliott
History of Art

Kali Gallaher
Animal Science

Joseph Gerber
History

Kevin Hartzell
Turf Science

Kyla Hedges
Political Science

Gregory Lawrence
Architecture

Emily McClanahan
Nursing
Clint Nethero  
International Business

Carolyn Pierce  
Political Science

Seth Reno  
English

Douglas Shaffer  
History

Gregory Thompson  
Accounting, Pre-Med

Anne Ugodikova  
Marketing

Travis Waller  
Finance

Brandon Williams  
Marketing

**Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars**  
**Traveling 2005-2006**

Lisa Baehr  
Spanish

Rosemary Blackburn-Smith  
International Studies

Evan Brooks  
Journalism

Sheryn Bruff  
Animal Science

Mark Cribbet  
International Studies

Justin Crooks  
English

Norah Dick  
Psychology

Sara Elizondo  
Spanish/Art Education

Melissa Henwood  
Animal Science

Kevin Kestner  
History

Young Kim  
English

Kar-Lyn Lambert  
Agricultural and Extension Education

Bonnie Milligan  
Theatre

Emily Neymeyer  
Architecture

Matthew Peterman  
Finance

Samantha Popa  
Logistics

Vincent Safarik  
International Studies

Said Sariolghalam  
Human Resources

Steven Strong  
East Asian Languages and Literature

Andrea Stroup  
International Studies

Mark Summers  
Marketing

Jonathan Teller  
Architecture

Anne Weckesser  
Nursing
Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2006-2007

Lauren Anderson
 Communications

Julie Baker
 English

Matthew Bauman
 German

Kyle Bergman
 International Studies

Amanda Bisesi
 Agricultural and Extension Education

Michael Brooks
 Agribusiness

Elizabeth Burns
 French & Italian

Jodi Burns
 Music Education

Adam Davie
 Architecture

Emily Ellis
 Sociology

Amanda Gamble
 Agricultural and Extension Education

Kia Grant
 Communications

Holly Hauser
 Veterinary Medicine

Rachel Inboden
 Communications

Lisa Jankowski
 Italian

Joan Janning
 Architecture

Robyn Luckett
 Nursing

Audrey Monroe
 Political Science

Shaun Newcomer
 Economics

Elika Nosrati
 Human Resources

Tierra Poindexter
 Criminology

Andrew Riedy
 Russian/International Studies

Andrew Spearman
 Biology

Jason Terry
 French & Italian

Nicholas Torres
 International Studies/Spanish

Meghan Watson
 International Studies

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2007-2008

Natalie Capretta
 Molecular Genetics

Michael Curtis
 International Studies

Charlene Davis
 French & Italian
Amy DeDonato
Architecture

Gregory Delaney
Architecture

Alison Eakin
English

Daisy Gaona
Spanish

Lisa Hemmelgam
Nursing

Cheryl Huffman
Landscape Architecture

Darrin Hulit
Agribusiness

Katherine Kerr
Logistics

Eric Melton
Theatre

Krista Reeder
Visual Design

Andrew Rigney
Political Science

Samantha Roeth
Spanish

Tal Sack
International Studies

Julie Serr
Animal Science

Rachael Swansinger
Nursing

Suzanne Williams
Business

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2008-2009

Jeffrey Ault
Mathematics/Spanish

Benjamin Borelli
Aviation Management

Nicole Feronti
International Studies

Kristy Fultz
Biology

Lindsey Gibson
International Studies/Sociology

Andrea Green
Finance/Political Science

Judith Gregory
Japanese/French

Phillip Gustafson
Finance/Accounting

Sean Ivery
Finance

Tyler Kimberly
Philosophy/Russian

Charles Murman
Industrial Engineering

Loan Nguyen
Spanish

Noorjahan Rahman
Political Science/History

Cara Ricci
Speech and Hearing

Christina Shallenberger
Nursing
Kristin Silver
Psychology

Matthew Suguitan
Mechanical Engineering

Jessica Suman
Landscape Horticulture

Matthew Tobias
Middle Childhood Education

Wolfe Study Abroad Scholars
Traveling 2009-2010

Tyler Adams
International Studies

Ashley Bartman
Chemistry/History of Art

Erin Blackburn-Smith
Sociology

G. Michael Bowen
Operations Management

Amanda Bragdon
Biology

Josephine Bryk
Animal Science

Sarah Corbo
International Studies

Byron Freund
International Studies

Peter Hamer
Arabic/Pre-Med

Laura Heyeck
Japanese/International Business

Jaimie Horning
Speech and Hearing

Elliot Klosterman
International Studies/Political Science

Elizabeth Lemons
International and Women’s Studies

Lauren Luffy
Architecture

Lauren Metterle
Molecular Genetics and Biology

Heather Miller
French

William Nickley
Industrial Design

Emily Phelps
Communications/Spanish and Portuguese

Bryon Reed
Music Education

Jessica Schafer
Plant Health Management

Erin Silver-Noftle
Psychology

Jessica Williams
International Studies