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, we strive to build a foundation that will integrate international dimensions within 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, Ohio State opened Gateway offices in Shanghai, China (2010), Mumbai, India (2012) and São Paulo, Brazil (2014). Ohio State continues to examine additional opportunities for offices in Turkey, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

Brazil Gateway

The Brazil Gateway is located in the Moema district, one of the premiere business areas in the city of São Paulo. São Paulo is the largest city in the southern hemisphere and Brazil boasts the largest economy in all of Latin America. Ohio State has been strategically engaged in Brazil over 50 years. Currently, Ohio State has 16 international agreements, one dual-degree program and six study abroad programs. The Brazil Gateway focuses on a number of key initiatives:

- Scouting new study abroad opportunities
- Recruiting new international students
- Enhancing institutional connections for faculty research and the development of dual degree programs
- Partnering with global businesses to create internships for Ohio State students
- Serving as a funding source for grant and scholarship opportunities
- Networking with alumni

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Leadership

Gifty Ako-Adounvo is assistant vice-provost for global strategies and international affairs at Ohio State. Her 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.

Luke Barbara is the director of the Ohio State Brazil Gateway and is based in São Paulo. Barbara focuses on facilitating academic and institutional partnerships, advancing opportunities for global businesses to connect with Ohio State’s students and faculty, and developing the growing network of Ohio State alumni.

Barbara graduated from Ohio State and studied chemical engineering, international development and entrepreneurship. As a student he served as president of the Business Builders Club and organized the Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship (APTE) Summit.

Global Alumni Services — Ohio State’s presence in São Paulo also fulfills a vital role in the worldwide connectivity of alumni. Through its Global Alumni Services, the Gateway staff networks with alumni in São Paulo to organize events, create networking opportunities, and maintain a database of alumni living in Brazil.

About Ohio State

The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus is one of America’s largest and most comprehensive. More than 58,000 students select from 200 undergraduate majors and more than 200 master’s, doctoral, and professional degree programs. As Ohio’s best and one of the nation’s top-20 public universities, Ohio State is further recognized by a top-rated academic medical center and a premier cancer hospital and research center.

The university’s total research expenditures in 2014 reached $983 million. Ohio State ranks third among all U.S. universities in industry-sponsored research, according to the National Science Foundation.

The university’s innovation prowess attains world-class status, particularly in critical areas such as global climate change, cancer, infectious disease, advanced materials, and ag-bio products that feed and fuel the world.

An additional 6,600 students attend Ohio State’s regional campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark, and the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. Founded as a federal land-grant institution in 1870, the university has awarded 714,512 degrees (through August 2015) since 1878. Its legacy extends to more than 500,000 living alumni.

Programs and Services

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

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

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