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. Ranked in the top 20 best public research universities in the United States by U.S. News & World Report, Ohio State strives to integrate international dimensions with every facet of the institution.

International Strategies:
- Promote scholarship on major global issues
- Create and expand robust international partnerships
- Recognize international accomplishments in promotion and tenure
- Promote collaboration with and support from international alumni and internationally oriented Ohio businesses
- Increase the international experience for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students
- Diversify the international student body and facilitate the integration of international students into the Columbus campus community
- Explore the possibility of enrolling and integrating international students into the regional campus communities
- Increase international engagements and research collaborations for faculty

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
With the goal of internationalizing the university’s comprehensive range of activities in research and innovation, teaching and learning, and outreach and engagement, the Office of International Affairs partners with Ohio State academic units to develop and manage a wide array of international collaborations, from general Memoranda of Understanding to more specific joint efforts, which are formalized as Memoranda of Agreement, Student Exchange Agreements, International Dual Degrees and International Collaborative Degree programs.

The Office of International Affairs facilitates the development of formal international agreements, which are driven by Ohio State faculty, deliver specific, mutually agreed upon outcomes, and serve to enhance and further the university’s strategic international goals.

The Ohio State University fulfills its mission as a modern land-grant university by working with partners to elevate all members of society and address issues and topics that affect us globally.
LEADERSHIP
Joanna Kukielka-Blaser, director of international partnerships, oversees implementation of all university international agreements. In addition, she directs the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship program and is the campus liaison for the Fulbright Scholar program. Joanna is an alumna of the Fulbright Scholar Grant for International Education Administrators to Germany.

Margo Lipps, program coordinator for international partnerships, is responsible for managing the establishment of international agreements throughout the university, and for assisting applicants in the Fulbright Scholar and the Fulbright-Hays programs. Margo is also a campus liaison for the Fulbright Scholar program.

RESPONSIBILITIES
• Develop and implement new and established guidelines and policies for international agreements, including MOAs, MOUs, International Dual Degrees and International Cooperative Degrees.
• Draft, revise, and edit the content of international agreements and coordinate the review and approval process
• Liaise with Ohio State Offices of Legal Affairs, Business and Finance, Research Compliance and Office of Distance Education and eLearning to process agreements and ensure compliance with university, state, and federal laws and policies
• Maintain university-wide databases of all pending and finalized international agreements

BY THE NUMBERS
Ohio State manages approximately 225 active agreements with institutions in more than 50 countries worldwide and every world region. Over the years, the university has experienced a steady increase in the number of agreements signed, with a total of 60 international agreements established in 2017. Nearly every academic unit on campus engages in formalized international collaborations.

ABOUT OHIO STATE
The Ohio State University’s Columbus campus is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the United States. More than 66,000 students select from 200 undergraduate majors and close to 300 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 breadth, scope and excellence of our research programs make Ohio State a leading force of innovation and change – locally, nationally and globally. Ohio State is one of only a few universities in the United States that in a single location houses 15 different colleges, including seven that focus on the health sciences. The university’s total research expenditures for 2016-2017 reached $864.3 million. Ohio State ranks 4th among all U.S. universities in industry-sponsored research, according to the National Science Foundation.

Founded as a federal land-grant institution in 1870, its legacy extends to more than 550,000 living alumni.