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Introduction



The Office of International Affairs continued to experience a resurgence in formalizing international agreements and hosting delegations visiting the Ohio State campus in 2022. The Global Gateways and International Partnerships unit finalized 46 new agreements in 23 countries and coordinated 12 delegations. Highlighting the year were visits by Rajmohan Gandhi, His Excellency Taranjit Singh Sandhu, strategic partners from University of Tsukuba, and Mahabir Pun, a Ramon Magsaysay award winner.

Student exchange agreements have been increasing over the years as have agreements that are drafted in support of specific funding awards such as Fulbright and Erasmus+. Overall, international agreements are climbing steadily to their pre-pandemic numbers. No new countries were added in 2022, but a Memorandum of Understanding between the College of Medicine and Kanad Hospital has brought the United Arab Emirates back to Ohio State's roster of partner countries for the first time since 1999.

Regionally, Asia and Europe had the most new partnerships with 18 apiece, and North America rounds out the top three with five new partnerships in Canada. Ohio State remains committed to advancing a campus community that is internationally engaged. The university's depth and breadth of international collaborations and opportunities for faculty and student mobility demonstrate the critical importance of an international perspective in all fields of scholarship.

The Office of International Affairs looks forward to enhancing Ohio State's global engagement by facilitating and deepening new and existing partnerships, and engaging with international visitors in the year ahead.

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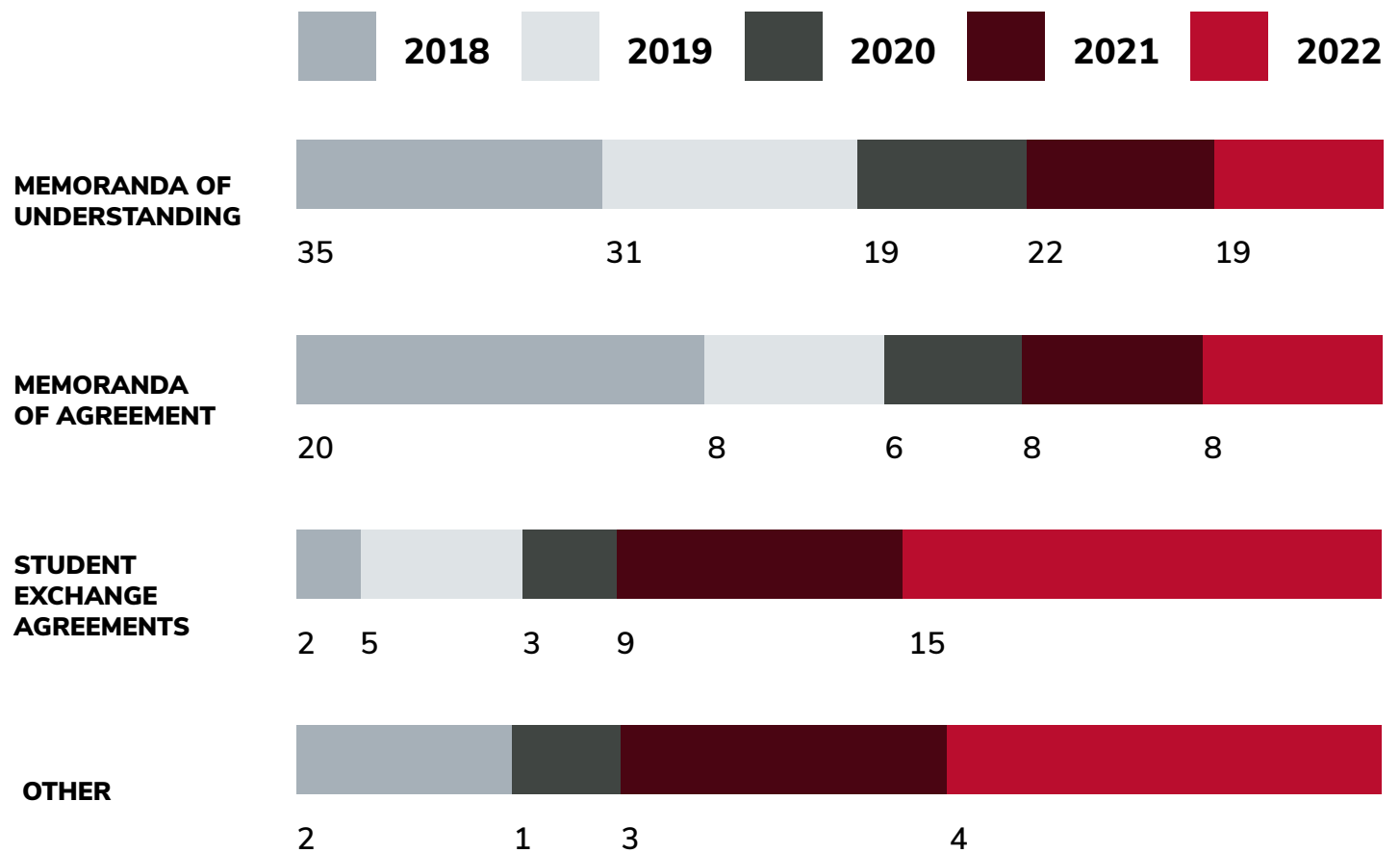
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New Agreement Five-Year Trend



Agreements Established by College or Unit

College of Arts and Sciences	10	Fisher College of Business	14
College of Dentistry	1	Global One Health Initiative (GOHi)	1
College of Education and Human Ecology	8	College of Medicine	2
College of Engineering	2	Moritz College of Law	3
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences	3	College of Nursing	2
		College of Social Work	4

Agreement Total* – 50

* Includes shared or joint agreements.



185

active agreements in

48

countries



46

new agreements in

23

countries



14

new partners

Partnership Profiles

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

The College of Dentistry has developed an important relationship with Stephen Richmond, emeritus professor of orthodontics at Cardiff University (Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom). A Memorandum of Understanding formalizes this relationship and outlines the contours of a unique research project. Richmond's areas of specialization include facial variation and 2D image rating to determine the need for orthodontic treatment. Ching-Chang Ko, chair of Ohio State's Division of Orthodontics and master's students hope to use this expertise to develop strong inter-rater reliability in the identification of problems in 2D smile photos. With this data, the Ohio State team will work to develop accurate diagnoses using artificial intelligence.



ERASMUS+ RESEARCH PROJECT

One of the new Erasmus+ research project proposals grew out of a long-standing collaboration between professors Konrad Dabrowski (School of Environment and Natural Resources) and Telat Yanik (Atatürk University, Erzurum, Turkey) in the field of aquaculture. The two professors have already published 10 peer-reviewed articles together and at the time of the agreement's creation, were working on two more. The Memorandum of Understanding describes a robust plan to exchange faculty, to co-teach undergraduate courses, consult on dissertation research and continue joint research for presentation and publication.



DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Buckeye Language Education Resource Center in the Department of Teaching and Learning specializes in multilingual language education and language teacher development. An Ohio State alumna, now employed by the Guangdong Teachers Association (Guangzhou, China), contacted professors Peter Sayer (Multilingual Language Education), Francis Troyan (Multilingual Language Education), and Ivan Stefano (Director of Intercultural English Language Programs) with the idea of providing professional development opportunities for local teachers of English as a foreign language. The resulting Service Agreement outlined 20+ hours of teacher training conducted virtually.



International Visitor Profiles



AMBASSADOR SINGH CONNECTS WITH OHIO STATE

The Office of International Affairs hosted His Excellency Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Ambassador of India to the United States. Ambassador Sandhu was accompanied by Randhir Jaiswal, consul general of India, New York as well as Karthik Iyer, first secretary (Embassy of India, Washington D.C.) and Avdhesh Kumar, protocol officer (Consulate General of India, New York).

Ambassador Sandhu was invited to campus by President Kristina M. Johnson to accomplish three primary goals: acknowledge Ohio State's long history of interaction with India, honor Professor Rattan Lal (School of Environment and Natural Resources), recently awarded the Padma Shri, one of India's highest honors, and explore his personal connections to the university (both parents graduated from Ohio State with advanced degrees in the late 1950s).

President Johnson, Ohio State leaders from across the campus and the local Indian community met with the ambassador at the newly opened Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex at Waterman Farm. The ambassador also spoke with student leaders from Undergraduate Student Government, the Council of Graduate Students, the Punjabi Student Organization, the Indian Student Organization and the Global Leadership Initiative.



ROMANIAN EDUCATORS LEARN ESL BEST PRACTICES

The Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) brought a delegation of 18 Romanian educators (primarily K-12) to the United States to learn more about English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching and best practices.

The delegation came from areas of Romania that border with Ukraine. In anticipation of an influx of women and children unable to speak Romanian, COIL brought the educators to the United States to assess ESL best practices and to adapt them for Romanian language instruction.

During their visit to Ohio State, the group met with faculty and ESL practitioners in the College of Education and Human Ecology and with faculty and staff from the Center for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies to learn more about its methods and strategies for K-12 outreach.



RAJMOHAN GANDHI: LESSONS ON RECONCILIATION

The Office of International Affairs and the Gandhi Memorial Society hosted Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, to deliver two lectures to the Ohio State campus community. A historian, biographer and human rights activist, Gandhi's talks focused on the 1947 partition of India and the critical message of peaceful resolution left by one of the world's best known political and spiritual leaders.

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Agreements Established in 23 Countries





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