WE BUILD INFORMED GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES.

Our mission is to build opportunities for students and faculty to discover, think, and act in concert with the world.
We provide services that help international students and scholars live their Cornell lives to the fullest.

5,322

international students from 117 countries
That’s 22.5% of total students on the Ithaca campus!

1,347

visiting international scholars and postdocs from 91 countries

“My experience at Cornell exceeds all of my expectations. I never expected to be in such a collaborative and welcoming environment and have the opportunity to meet such a diverse group of people.”
—Sophia Openshaw ’23, College of Arts and Sciences, hometown: Hong Kong, China
We help connect students to Cornell alumni and institutional partners for international internship, fellowship, and research opportunities that expand perspectives.

267

undergraduate and graduate students received

$1.4 million

in international research and travel funding through 40 grant and fellowship programs

11

undergraduate students completed internships in Africa and Latin America

9

U.S. Student Program Fulbrighters

6

Fulbright-Hays Awards for graduate or doctoral students

“When I was able to join the chant ‘One Zambia, One Nation,’ I was immersed in the common experience of the Zambian people and partaking in their strong sense of dignity and patriotism.”

—Tony Tianhao Zhou ’19, economics major, internship: Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, Zambia
We help Cornell undergraduates find just the right global opportunities to match their interests and academics.

1,030 undergraduates completed for-credit experiences abroad in 56 countries including:
- 789 study abroad semesters
- 15 service learning experiences

“My career goals were focused on the intersection of pharmaceuticals and traditional healing as part of medicine. The program in Tanzania introduced me to the importance of nutrition.”
—Bunmi Osias ’21, global and public health sciences major, summer 2019: Global Health Program, Tanzania
We support interdisciplinary collaborative research conducted by Cornell faculty—projects that make a difference around the world.

$788,000 in research awards

39 seed and small grants and cross-program awards for international studies research across the globe

8 innovation grants for sustainable projects in China

“I am grateful for the opportunity to work with my Chinese colleagues and engage with six city partners to develop air-quality management techniques to benefit 78 million people.”

—K. Max Zhang, professor, College of Engineering; Innovation Grant recipient: Engaging Chinese Cities in Cost-Effective Data-Driven Air Pollution Management
We are the campus hub for international studies, partnering with scholars across Cornell and the world to promote global thinking and action.

23,500 participants in our international studies activities

349 lectures, seminars, films, workshops, and conferences

529 faculty from 68 Cornell departments engaged in the Einuadi Center for International Studies

8 multidisciplinary programs focused on thematic and area studies

51 visiting international scholars from 22 countries

“Infrastructure and institutional reform are very critical for developing countries, but the most critical need is human capital development.” —Sri Mulyani Indrawati, minister of finance, Republic of Indonesia, 2019 Bartels World Affairs Lecturer at Cornell
Our minors, courses, and language instruction provide academic opportunities for students with an interest in the interdisciplinary study of a world region or international theme.

5 academic minors, interdisciplinary and university-wide:
European Studies, International Relations, Latin American Studies, Migration Studies, Peace Studies

3 additional minors in area studies, managed by colleges and supported by our programs:
East Asian Studies, South Asian Studies, Southeast Asian Studies

We partner with the Language Resource Center and colleges across campus on formal and informal language learning that prepares students for study and research abroad, and links content knowledge with language acquisition.
Thousands of community members are served by our educational outreach programs.

3 federally funded programs for language instruction and outreach:
- Latin American Studies Program
- South Asia Program
- Southeast Asia Program

6 partnerships with community colleges and schools of education

14 K-12 school districts in upstate New York participated in our International Studies Summer Institute.

“I enjoy teaching people about the veena—it allows for the twists and turns you find in Indian music.”

—Richard K. Wolf, professor of music and South Asian studies at Harvard University and visiting scholar at our South Asia Program
We support colleges across campus with the resources to enable the success of international business activities—projects, travel, and operations—and mitigate risks to individuals and the university.

704 queries about international engagement answered via our Navigate website

296 international memoranda of agreement and project agreements

70 staff trained in a new contract management system

509 petitions for travel to high-risk countries reviewed by our International Travel Advisory and Response Team

57 critical incidents abroad triaged by our international travel health and safety team

“Your team helps us streamline our international contracts, hire staff in China and India, and assure safety for our students and faculty on their travels.”

—Kevin Hallock, dean, Cornell SC Johnson College of Business and Joseph R. Rich Professor of Economics and Human Resource Studies
As part of the Migrations Global Grand Challenge, launched in 2019, faculty across our Ithaca and New York City campuses are studying our world in motion.

All living things—humans, animals, insects, microorganisms, plant life—migrate from place to place on our planet.

We need new thinking about their needs: infrastructure, urban design, housing, health, nutrition, disaster relief, conservation, legal frameworks, economies, business models, geopolitical systems, technologies, and more.

Cornell faculty are collaborating with scholars across the country and the world, civil society, and nonprofit organizations to create these new approaches.

We believe that education—through multidisciplinary research, teaching, and engagement—can prepare future leaders, scientists, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and communities to thrive in a world on the move.

The Migrations initiative includes faculty research grants; seminars, workshops, conferences; a new academic minor in Migration Studies; and numerous opportunities for student engagement.

“Our Migrations initiative we have the potential to expand our work, generate new insights into critical problems, provide a stronger evidence basis for policy, and place Cornell at the fore of global migration studies.”

—Wendy Wolford, Robert A. and Ruth E. Polson Professor of Global Development and vice provost for international affairs
Our vision is a just, sustainable, and connected world where differences are valued and exchange encouraged.

Learn more about our organization, our partners across campus and around the world, the international activities of our faculty and students, and the global mission of the university.

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