

IUPUI Office of International Affairs

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2014–2015 Highlights Report

The Office of International Affairs is IUPUI's hub for international activities, working to bring IUPUI to the world and the world to IUPUI.

The Office of International Affairs contributed to IUPUI campus goals through the successes described below, and most notably a record enrollment of 1,921 international students and a record number of 432 IUPUI students studying abroad.

The Success of our Students

- A record number of 432 IUPUI students participated in [study abroad](#) experiences during 2013-14, an increase of 20 percent from 358 students 2012-13. The increase demonstrates strong progress towards IUPUI's goal to increase study abroad participation by 25 percent from 2014-2019 as part of the [Generation Study Abroad](#) initiative. Several schools such as the Kelley School of Business and Engineering & Technology created new programs. In 2015, a record number of 125 students participated in study abroad programming over spring break, a 270 percent increase from 2013.
- [Study abroad](#) participation among diverse students increased in 2013-14, including growth among African American students (up 48 percent from 2012-13, 19.9 percent two-year average 2011-2013) and Hispanic students (up 71 percent from 2012-13, 11.6 percent two-year average 2011-2013).
- IUPUI's international diversity continues to grow. 150 countries are represented in the IUPUI student body, and students from 101 countries [received degrees](#) in 2014-15.
- IUPUI [enrolled a record 1,921 international students](#), up 4.6 percent from Fall 2014. International students comprise 6.5 percent of the total IUPUI enrollment.
 - The ten countries sending the most students are India, 437; China, 409; Saudi Arabia, 402; South Korea, 55; Mexico, 50; Iran, 38; Brazil, 34; Japan, 34; Taiwan, 31; and Canada, 27.
- In conjunction with the establishment of the Program for Intensive English by the School of Liberal Arts (SLA), and in collaboration with University College, the Office of International Affairs has facilitated the development of the [International Academic Pathway](#) as a means of ensuring a coordinated and supportive enrollment pathway for English language learners who meet IUPUI's academic preparation requirements.
- IUPUI's collaboration with Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) in Guangzhou, China continued to advance and yield positive outcomes for students. Student engagement continued across

several 2+2 dual degree programs, in which graduates will earn degrees both from SYSU and IUPUI.

- Mechanical Engineering led SYSU enrollments with 19 students arriving at IUPUI in Fall 2014 to complete their second two years of study. This exceptional group of students completed their junior year at IUPUI with an average GPA of nearly 3.8.
- Participation in IUPUI's short-term visiting international student programs continued to increase with a record total of 64 students. For 2014-15, visiting students came from primarily Brazil (23 students, up from 9 last year), Japan (23 students, 21 last year), and India (7 students, up from 3 last year).
- IUPUI's [International Peer Mentor Program](#) (IPMP) received national recognition for its intensive leadership development components and longer timeframe of support for mentees. IPMP was the lead mentoring program featured in a NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference panel in May 2015.
- Students with international experience gained strong representation in IUPUI's Top 100 Students program of 2015:
 - 48 of the Top 100 students studied abroad.
 - 6 of the Top 100 students are international students.
- IUPUI student [Amanda Snell](#), received a prestigious Fulbright grant to work and teach in Germany as part of the English Teaching Assistant Program. Snell, an English major with a concentration in teaching English as a Second Language in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, is one of more than 1,800 U.S. citizens who traveled abroad for the 2014-15 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.
- IUPUI student Kelcie Benson received a prestigious Gilman Scholarship to study abroad at Hakuoh University in Japan for one year. The experience fulfills Kelcie's lifelong goal of studying in Japan and completing her two majors in International & Global Studies and Japanese. The Gilman Scholarship Program diversifies the kinds of students who study abroad and is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding.

Contributions to the Well-Being of the Citizens of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and Beyond

- The Office of International Affairs presented the first annual [Global Engagement Award](#) to a partnership between the [IU School of Social Work and PRONI](#) – a Croatian nonprofit agency that has opened its arms to social work students studying abroad. PRONI provides IUPUI students with tremendous opportunities for real-world experiences in international service learning while they complete the course *Social Work Practice in War-Torn Communities in*

Croatia. The award honors an overseas organization that enhances the campus's international efforts and is accompanied by \$3,000 to help strengthen the partnership.

- IUPUI collaborated with the Indy Chamber to develop a [Metro Indianapolis Export Plan, published by the Indy Chamber in 2015](#) as part of the Brookings [Global Cities Exchange Initiative](#), a regional project creating actionable plans to promote global trade and competitiveness over the next four years. Supported by Brookings and JP Morgan Chase, the initiative selected Indianapolis in a cohort of seven cities across the U.S. that will design and implement export plans and expand global engagement.
 - [Gil Latz](#), associate vice chancellor for international affairs, serves on project's core team.
- IUPUI completed participation in the American Council on Education's (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory (2012-14). A Committee of Deans prioritized recommendations from IUPUI's ACE Internationalization Report, in alignment with the IUPUI Strategic Plan "*Our Commitment to Indiana and Beyond*" and IU International Plan. Implementation will begin in 2015. Associated with the Internationalization Report and its recommendations, the Office of International Affairs initiated a White Paper on Study Abroad, a national search for its next Curricular Internationalization director, a review of IUPUI's participation in the IU Gateway Offices in India and China, and an assessment, in partnership with the IU Foundation, about how the Bicentennial Campaign can support campus internationalization.
- Gil Latz, associate vice president for international affairs for Indiana University and associate vice chancellor for international affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, was [elected to lead the Association of International Education Administrators](#). Latz will serve as president-elect for 2015, president in 2016 and past-president in 2017. The association, based at Duke University, is the main professional organization for leaders in international higher education.
- The Office of International Affairs created a [partnership to leverage Indiana's strong connections with the Zhejiang Province](#) in China to increase the number of Chinese students enrolling at IUPUI. Zhejiang is a sister province to Indiana, a relationship dating back more than 25 years, and Indianapolis is a sister city to Hangzhou, Zhejiang's capital. A University Preparatory Program for high school students in Zhejiang will prepare up to 35 students annually to enroll at IUPUI, through collaboration with the International Exchange Center, Zhejiang Foreign Services Corp. IUPUI representatives traveled to Hangzhou for the program launch,
- The 11th annual [IUPUI International Festival](#) was held on February 19, 2015, with significant community and campus-wide participation from diverse groups. Two faculty and staff members received the [Sutton Award for Study Abroad](#) for their outstanding contributions to advancing study abroad at IUPUI.
- The Rev. Harold Good, an internationally renowned peacemaker, visited IUPUI on September 10, 2014, to speak about Indianapolis and the road to peace in Northern Ireland.

Once president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Good played a key role in Northern Ireland's peacemaking process.

- Ian McIntosh, associate director of the Confucius Institute in Indianapolis and director of international partnerships, was awarded a \$17,800 grant from the Confucius Institute Headquarters Division of Sinology and China Studies to host a conference, "[Exploring China's Ancient Links to Africa](#)." The conference drew internationally renowned researchers and took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in October 2014.
- In response to new federal policies supporting increased academic engagement with Iran, an IUPUI delegation led by executive vice chancellor Nasser Paydar visited the University of Tehran in May 2015 to renew academic ties, reinstate undergraduate 2+2 engineering programs, and establish new degree program collaboration at the master's level.
- The IUPUI Faculty International Travel Grant continues to be a popular among faculty who wish to receive travel funding in exchange for participating in undergraduate international recruitment events. In 2014 -2015, five travel grants were awarded to faculty in the Schools of Liberal Arts, Engineering and Technology, and School of Tourism Management.
- The Office of International Affairs established the [International Partnership Development Fund](#) to support collaborative research partnerships in Kenya, China, India, UK, Thailand, Vietnam and elsewhere. Five grants of \$3,000 each were awarded to IUPUI faculty in 2015.
- Three visiting administrators from SYSU arrived at IUPUI for an extended affiliation in Spring 2015 to conduct research and learn from IUPUI's best practices in marketing and communications, student affairs, and engineering.
- IUPUI demonstrated solidarity with partner institution Moi University in Kenya by raising \$4,000 to [support Moi students from the Garissa campus](#) who relocated following a terrorist attack in April 2015. Led by the IU Center for Global Health and AMPATH, funds raised will support student counseling services and basic needs. Moi University has partnered with the IU School of Medicine and other IUPUI schools since 1989.